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The Hillside Development Council is concerned about the process surrounding the use of City owned property for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center. For many years we have been asking the City for the criterion regarding development of the six acre property between Jefferson and Tacoma Avenues, 21st and 23rd Streets. We have been told by both Council and staff any decision to allow development of this property would include a public bid and a transparent process.

We feel that the City must in an open and inclusive manner develop their criterion prior to considering any potential uses of this property. A good place to start would be the 2010 VIA Brewery District Study (pages 73 & 74, attached). It is quite possible that other developers would still be interested in this property if they knew what the City expected and that it was available. Allowing the Asian Pacific Cultural Center one year to come up with the finances might stop the potential development of the whole six acre site. If the decision is made to allow a year for one developer, others should have the same opportunity in an open process prior to a choice being made.

Best regards,
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