Hi Scott,

I received your voicemail after emailing the email addresses available on the DRB website. Please see the attached comment, including evidence of CEDO's lack of transparency and ability to provide accurate information below.

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 04:20:13 PM EDT  
Subject: Comment on CEDO and 51 Elmwood

Good Afternoon Board Members,

I'm writing to ask that the board does not hold a vote on CEDO's request to place a pod village at 51 Elmwood until a service provider has been identified, their final management plan has been shared with the community, the community can ask questions of the provider, and a contingency/closing plan for staffing shortage issues (the issue that's been named in finding a management firm) is shared not only with the neighborhood, but the city, the Board, and the residents of the pod village. Unfortunately, CEDO has moved through this process under darkness and with a stealth that has created unease, friction, and volatility. At the June 2 neighborhood meeting I asked about a posting on their website that claimed a downtown LA pod village was in a "similar site" to 51 Elmwood. Based on my own research and records from LA County as well as their confirmation during that meeting, the information they posted and continue to allow to live on their site is grossly inaccurate. I've included my email to them, with photographic proof, below.

I am no asking that you deny the project, but that you require a project that CEDO themselves have called a "special case" to require due diligence and true neighborhood engagement in regards to its management. How can we (and you) trust that CEDO will will live up to its commitments when such gross misinformation is shared with the community in the name of pushing this project through to approval. I implore you to look at the images below that compare the LA pod village location with 51 Elmwood and make a decision that you believe is fair and equitable to the Old North End, a neighborhood that already has an over concentration of shelters and services compared to the rest of the city. Ask yourselves if you can be confident that CEDO and its partners will successfully manage a project that has only proven to work in high-traffic, multi-lane and/or predominantly commercial areas will work in a densely populated (and low-income) single-family and low-rise multifamily area.

Thank You,
EMAIL TO CEDO ABOUT INACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING "SIMILAR LOCATION" TO ELMWOOD AVENUE

Hi Bridget,

I truly don't know how, but somehow your previous two responses were sent to my spam folder (though not this last one which makes it all the more weird), but thank you for your patience as I'm sure it was frustrating continuing to get emails from me requesting the same information several times. I sincerely hope CEDO will consider my request to update the language around this location and no longer say "According to Wanda, the Westlake Village Site is similar to our proposed site at Elmwood Ave. It is in a single family home residential neighborhood, but close to essential services, a hospital, and a school (and urban, in Los Angeles)." I've included some images from the street view of the location and you can see it's in a largely commercial area, on a busy 4-6 lane road that intersects with another 4-6 lane road less than a block away. While there may be some residences in the area I don't think any reasonable person would look at Elmwood Avenue and say they are similar.

I think it's crucial that CEDO is transparent with residences and is only sharing accurate, unbiased information that has been vetted or fact checked.

Thanks again and have a great weekend

Tucker

Westlake Village Location Views:
2123 Scott Ave
Los Angeles, California

Google

Street View - Dec 2021
Intersection Nearby with Westlake Village visible in back right:
Full view of busy intersection:
Views from Elmwood: