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To Mayor and Council

Many street lights and twinkle lights in the trees on Market Avenue are not working. This is a security issue. Well-lit spaces prevent undesirable behavior and encourage crime prevention through environmental design. We are requesting this lighting to be fixed by November 30th.

We would like to try a pilot project that would see the store fronts and awnings of the buildings along Market Avenue lit with lights similar to those in the trees. This would increase security and promote more pedestrian traffic downtown after dark. The increased lighting will add vibrancy to the Market district. Store and building owners will be encouraged to purchase lighting to adorn the store fronts using colors that are fitting with the city's current theme. The challenge is that most buildings do not have outside receptacles to plug lights into. We are asking that the lights be plugged into the receptacles on the trees and posts in front of the buildings.

On the corner of Market and 3rd there are safety concerns regarding the tree that is leaning due to the flooding last year. The roots are protruding and heaving the bricks which create a tripping hazard. We would like the city to look into either remove and replace or straighten and anchor the tree.

The sitting area on the North West corner of Market and 3Rd attracts undesirable behavior. The planters act as a barricade. We are requesting that the planters and benches be removed to open the area up and make it safer for pedestrians. The surrounding businesses will provide benches in front of their buildings fitting with the Roger Brooks plan.

Thank you,

Grand Forks DBA board of Directors