

Bertron, Cara

From: Linda Cangelosi [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 5:46 PM
To: Chris Kopacek
Cc: Bertron, Cara; Greg Jacobson
Subject: Re: Opposition to Clarksville LHD

Cara, please include Chris's email in backup for Council for next week.
Linda

2018-08-24 17:30 GMT-05:00 Chris Kopacek [REDACTED]:

Cara,

I own a home located at 705 Highland Ave and I am in opposition to the LHD.

Thanks for your time.

Best,

Chris Kopacek

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August 27, 2018

Re: Historic Smoot Terrace

HONORABLE Mayor, Council Members

We lived and raised our family at 809 Pressler Street for over 50 years, from 1963 until the end of last year, when we sold it to Ranjini Chandirakanthan and Charisse Castagnoli.

We are opposed to zoning our old neighborhood to create a "Local Historic District", and are opposed to characterizing our old home at 809 Pressler as a "contributing house."

Although it was our home for over 50 years, and we raised a family there, it is not, in our opinion, a "historic" home. We understand the siding on the house is not the original wood siding (such as is on the detached garage) but is some type of synthetic siding that was added after the house was constructed. Furthermore, not only is our former home not historic or retaining its as-built appearance, Pressler Street as a whole in no way bears any resemblance to the other streets in the proposed "Local Historic District", or the street we lived on for over 50 years. During the time we lived there, several of the old houses were torn down and replaced by the new, large, mostly two-story, "non-contributing" houses that are there today. We do not think it is right or fair to prevent our buyers from making improvements to the house after so many others in the neighborhood have already done so.

Sincerely,

Lisette Ramirez

Irene Randoz

Bertron, Cara

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Bertron, Cara
Subject: Re: Fwd: Item 43: C14H-2018-0013 - Smoot/Terrace Park Historic District - District 9

Cara, I received this forwarded email. Please include it in the backup.

Thanks,
Denise

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> >> Begin forwarded message:

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> >> From: "James K Schoenbaum" <apache@austintexas.gov>

> >> Subject: Item 43: C14H-2018-0013 - Smoot/Terrace Park Historic

> >> District - District 9

> >> Date: August 29, 2018 at 10:30:53 AM CDT

> >> To: steve.adler@austintexas.gov, ora.houston@austintexas.gov,

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> >> Cc: [REDACTED]

> >> Reply-To: [REDACTED]

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> >> This message is from James K Schoenbaum. [REDACTED]

> >> Good Morning,

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> >> I am in the process of finishing an 11-unit condominium development, The Stonewall, within the Castle Hill Historic District and bordering the Harthan Historic District. Since I have a relatively unique and recent experience with ground up construction in an Austin historic district, I felt compelled to share with you all an overview of my experience.

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> >> Development is not only possible in a Local Historic District, it can be a win-win for the neighbors and developers alike.

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> >> Being in the historic setting has proven to be a significant benefit for our buyers at The Stonewall.â€” The Local Historic District allowed me to do a large infill project that has contemporary aspects, but also pays tribute to features in the neighborhood, such as front porches and roof lines.

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> >> Immediately after purchasing the property I met with nearby neighbors and representatives of the neighborhood association. Our conversations began even before engaging in pre-development design and consultation. As a result of this early collaboration, the neighborhood and the project were able to agree on an overall design and site plan that offered what I believe has led to a more compatible and desirable development than what would have been pursued had the neighborhood not been given input.

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> >> While certainly not without its challenges, I firmly believe that a Local Historic District can help lead to more desirable infill development and less distrust and fighting between developers and neighbors.

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> >> Sincerely,
> >> James K Schoenbaum
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> >> Street address: 614 Blanco St
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> >> Council District: 9
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