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Subject: C14-2010-0122 Request for postponement of Public Hearing

Stephen ,

The South Lamar Neighborhood Association wishes to request that the hearing scheduled for c14-2010-0122, zoning change at 2203 South Lamar, be postponed until the next City Council meeting, September 23rd.

Our reasons for this are:
1. The posting of the sign on the site to notify of the original zoning hearing at PC was posted unusually late. While we understand that the posting was within the required timeframe -- the fact that it was placed only one day before the scheduled hearing impaired the ability of some nearby neighbors to be aware of the zoning request. Also, as with many of these signs, it did not stay well displayed -- a citizen had to find it in the dirt and bring in some supports to hold it up.
2. There is some conflicting information about the situation regarding the urgency of the prospective tenant at this location. One source says they may stay until February of 2011 and another says they are being evicted shortly. The urgency, which may or may not be true, was used to rush this through the first hearing at Planning Commission, and the nearby neighbors feel they want sufficient time to truly consider the impact of this zoning on the neighborhood, and make such a case.
3. The nearby neighbors are expecting to mobilize for a valid petition -- which we know must be presented as soon as possible for certification, but definitely before the third reading of the zoning case (if it gets that far.) A postponement now will grant the time to collect the signatures, maybe even before first reading.

This is the association's first request for a postponement on this case so we hope we will be granted the postponement as a courtesy.

Respectfully,

Nancy Maclaine
South Lamar Neighborhood Association
Zoning Committee Chair

Late Backup

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