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City Council Agenda – December 1, 2020 – Regular Formal Meeting

Information submitted between distribution of packet on Thursday and close of business on Monday.

Late Handout(s):

Planning & Zoning Matters

Item 10.c Rezoning at 400 N. Clinton St and 112 E. Davenport St [**See correspondence from William Means**]

Kellie Fruehling

From: William Means <wmjmeans@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Council
Cc: Kevinboyd@gmail.com; Anne Russett; Jessica Bristow
Subject: Rezoning 400, 410-412 North Clinton - 112 East Daveport

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Dear Members of the Iowa City Council:

I may not be able to log in to the December 1st hearing about making the zoning changes for 400 N. Clinton St. and 112 E. Davenport St, so I want to send this email to restate my concerns about this project.

After reading the documents submitted for this agenda item and action I can tell that a great deal of time and effort has gone into the proposal to save the historic Cochrane-Sharpless-Dennis House. The Historic Preservation Committee has had input and modifications have been made to the original proposal. My comments opposing the zoning change still remain.

It looks like the zoning changes will be approved, This being the case, I want to restate my position that the proposed steel siding is not compatible with the immediate neighbors. Located within a block north are four homes of significance: (1) Schaumburg House, (2) Dey House, (3) Presidents House, and (4) the Jackson-Swisher-Keyser House & Carriage House. The housing; across the street south on Davenport Street and Clinton Street, plus Currier Hall to the west, all have brick exteriors. The historic house is brick. **A ultra-modern exterior with steel siding will look very much out of place and will distract from the character of the neighborhood and the historic house. The exterior steel siding should be replaced with brick. Hopefully, this can be a requirement for building permit approval.**

There is a growing surplus of rental housing units. At this time there are many rental units in the immediate area available for lease. Within Iowa City there are many new housing buildings being built. For many of the smaller landlords in the Northside Neighborhood, unleased units do not generate enough revenue to meet expenses for insurance, property taxes, and inspection fees. Inspection fees have doubled in the last few years.

Additionally, the addition of 71 bedrooms with only 20 dedicated parking spaces only adds to parking problems in the area. Under the current zoning, the number of bedrooms is limited by the number of available parking spaces. Right now there are too many cars for the area. Calendar parking only helps a little. Those individuals who do not have assigned parking with their unit jam the streets. Already there has been an increase in parked cars since the new dormitory opened on Madison street. It is safe to assume that many of the residents in the new building will have cars and will be parking on the street - perhaps extending several blocks east of Dubuque Street. With twice the number of bedrooms under the current zoning, the new building will result with twice the number of cars looking for a place to park. (The Council recently approved removing a parking lot to move a historic house across Market Street into the neighborhood.)

The proposed zoning change should not be approved. Any new buildings in the area bounded by Market to Church Street and between Clinton and Dubuque Streets should conform to the current standards and neighborhood characteristics.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

William Means
 120 East Fairchild Street

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Item 10.k Rezoning at 109, 111, 115, 117, and 121 E. College St. - Local Historic Landmark [See correspondence from Brandon Smith, Tailwind Group]

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Kellie Fruehling

From: Geoff Fruin
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Kellie Fruehling; Eleanor M. Dilkes; Anne Russett; Danielle Sitzman; Tracy Hightshoe; Wendy Ford; Sara Greenwood Hektoen
Subject: FW: Local Historical Landmark Rezoning

Kellie –

Please see below for the request to defer the College Street preservation final reading until 1/5.

Geoff

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From: Brandon Smith [mailto:bsmith@thetailwindgroup.com]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Geoff Fruin <Geoff-Fruin@iowa-city.org>
Cc: Michael Sather <msather@thetailwindgroup.com>
Subject: Local Historical Landmark Rezoning

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Geoff – per our Zoom conversation this afternoon, we'd like to defer the third reading of the local historic landmark rezoning regarding the College St project from 12/1 to 1/5.

Thank you.

Brandon Smith

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