

Hello, Council Member Tolbert:

I intended to share my comments this evening at the Public Hearing; however, my daughter is sick and I'm no longer able to attend. I hope this input will still be considered.

My family lives at 1845 Lincoln Ave - directly behind the Grandview Theater. We love our neighbors, our home and the community around us. We appreciate the mix of single-family homes, neighborhood commercial and colleges that Mac Groveland offers. We regularly walk to dinner, grocery shopping and more.

I am writing to request that you respect the delicate balance of high density housing and established single-family neighborhoods when considering the change in zoning at the intersection of Fairview and Grand.

We acknowledge the need for multi-unit apartments (we share an alley with many); however, 3-5 stories of housing intended for college students is more than our neighborhood can manage sustainably. We experience, regularly, many challenges that come with short-termed residents who are not invested in the neighborhood - everything from graffiti, noise, traffic, to break-ins and theft. There is reason to believe that these issues would be amplified significantly if adding 100s of additional residents who are not invested in building community.

Respectfully, we would ask that St Thomas evaluate it's long term growth plans in light of it's location and the constraints that exist in terms of both housing and parking. We do not wish to see our neighborhood transformed to one dominated by college housing - we desire a balance of families, single people and students. A desirable neighborhood that is safe, clean and suitable for young families. That is what drew us to this neighborhood, that is what will keep us here.

Having volunteered and served on the West Side District Council, I understand the necessity of a planning process. I look forward to getting more involved in defining the future of this neighborhood. I respectfully request that you consider your vote as you would if you had young children living adjacent to the properties in question.

Please contact me if a further conversation would be beneficial. I'd be glad to meet. I wish I could be at the hearing this evening to share my input.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you.
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