

Moore, Shari (CI-StPaul)

From: Johnson, Tony (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Moore, Shari (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: File # 17-005-500 816 Ashland Rezoning Objections

Hey Shari,

Can you add this email to the council packet for the seiger rezoning case tonight. He already sent a comment for the zoning committee but he sent me another email for the council hearing as well.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Edwin Garbutt [<mailto:edwingarbutt@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:00 AM
To: Johnson, Tony (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: File # 17-005-500 816 Ashland Rezoning Objections

Dear Mr Johnson,

I received another rezoning notice in the mail for 816 Ashland so I am sending another response. All of my previous objections still stand and Mr Sieger has recently informed me that he intends to add a second, 2-car garage directly behind my house. I now expect 2 structures with a total of 4 garage stalls and a two-car parking pad. This is a quiet, residential area. When we purchased, we had no reason to expect the future would bring an apartment building behind us with 6 cars worth of alley traffic and transient renter activity.

I am vehemently opposed to this rezoning request.

Thank you,

Ed

> On Feb 22, 2017, at 09:53, Johnson, Tony (CI-StPaul) <Tony.Johnson@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

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> Thanks for your comments. I'll add it to the packet that gets reviewed at the hearing.

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> Have a good day,

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Edwin Garbutt [<mailto:edwingarbutt@yahoo.com>]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 9:39 AM
> To: Johnson, Tony (CI-StPaul)
> Subject: File # 17-005-500 816 Ashland Rezoning Objections

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> Dear Mr Johnson,

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> I live at 813 Holly Ave which is on the opposite side of the alley to 816 Ashland. I am unable to attend the re-zoning hearing on 02 MAR 17. I oppose the rezoning proposal for 816 Ashland to RT2 townhouse residential. My opposition is for the following reasons:

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> 1. INADEQUATE ROOM FOR ALLEY PARKING. As a duplex, 816 Ashland has held 5 or more tenants on the upper floor alone. This creates vehicle maneuvering constraints and excessive traffic in a tightly restricted section of the alley. Adding another parking pad to the backyard will create additional vehicle maneuvering hazards and jeopardize safe passage through the affected part of the alley.

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> 2. TRASH BUILD-UP. As a resident at 813 Holly since 2010, I have seen mattresses, furniture and electronics left next to the garage at 816 Ashland by departing tenants that trash haulers would not remove as part of their weekly service. I have had to dispose of a discarded TV set myself, at my expense. My wife had to call the landlord to have a discarded mattress removed. Existing trash receptacles make maneuvering a vehicle in this tight part of the alley difficult. Adding a third unit to 816 Ashland has the potential to exacerbate this unsafe condition.

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> 3. NOISE. We have heard excessive noise, music, screaming and profanity from the upper unit. Disturbing the peace and exposure of this nature to the small children in this neighborhood is concerning. Adding a third unit to 816 Ashland has the potential to exacerbate this undesirable condition.

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> 4. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL. Because of the existing parking configuration and lack of free surface area to displace snow and ice, the area behind 816 Ashland and 813 Holly becomes a sheet of packed snow and ice early in the winter season and remains that way until a spring thaw. An additional parking area in the back of 816 Ashland is likely to worsen the hazardous ice and snow in the alley.

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> Please take my concerns into careful consideration before granting this rezoning request.

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> Kindest regards,

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> Edwin Garbutt

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