

Hi Folks,

I would like to submit testimony on the comp plan proposal for SE 46th & 47th Street. It's an emotional statement and plea, since it's our home and community that we could be loosing if this does not pass.

We are in full support of this zone change from R5 to R2.5. We have been homeowners on this block since 2005 and have been living in a tiny wonderful historic 1913 home on an unused large lot that stretches from 46th to 47th. We have street access on both sides and we are one of only a few lots that has this much property. It's odd and it's about time we are able to do something with this old property.

Our intentions if this passes: We don't plan to sell this to a developer, but rather allow our growing family to remain in our neighborhood. We love the schools and resources and don't wish to move away just due to a lack of space when there is so much opportunity in my backyard. We have been working with the city and land use division for several years now and subdividing and building a respectful historic looking home is the only way to go to honor this neighborhood. We would like to keep our current tiny home to rent out and add additional housing or for our mother in-law.

Through exploration of land use work, we can prove there are enough resources, parking and neighborhood support to change this zone and build a primary single family home.

As for the rest of the street, we support this rezone with other properties too, as there are only a few homes left that don't already have 2 homes on them. This street was designed in the early 1900's to contain 2 homes on each lot. We have even found pipes sticking out of the end of our property as if there could have been a home there at one time. If anyone takes a close look - this is really a "low impact" change. If anything, it improves the cohesion and appearance of the street. A zone change will only impact a few properties like mine, and again, we don't plan to sell to a developer. I would rather have the changes made to the neighborhood be made by homeowners vs. developers. If this is delayed any longer I fear many homeowners will get fed up and sell to a developer.

I urge you to consider this long-time-coming change for our street. It means the world to my family and the ability to stay in our community.

If this does not pass, my large yard that has been sitting for 100 years will continue to sit. My family will need to move away from a special needs school that my son goes to and we will miss our community that we have lived in for a very long time. Community is not easy to rebuild, so I ask you again... let us build. Please rezone this street.

Many thanks,

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