

**Michael Brown Comments on Affordability
Historic District Ordinance Revisions Committee
March 3, 2008**

Tom: Sarah did not directly address Affordable Housing, but I am sure that it will be brought up by City Council. This will be a difficult issue but City Council will insist that the plan does something concrete to advance affordability.

So we will need to clearly address this with some analysis and recommendations.

I suggest that:

- 1) We prepare an economic/housing analysis to determine if and where affordable housing can be developed. This will be especially true for Yamacraw, Hitch/Wessels and Kayton (or is it Frasier). The question is whether to allow additional height and/or density to promote affordable units.
- 2) If economies are difficult (and they will be), what else can be done to promote affordability, such as transit.

So please consider that and let's do something about this.

Michael