
Opposition to Petition #26-003038-ZA-FLUM and #26-002988-ZA-MAP

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Ms. Karunaratne & Ms. Helm,

I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed zoning changes on PIN #20044-34-011 also identified as 1108 Abercorn Street for development as a commercial use.

My wife and I are long time property owners at 1111 Lincoln Street which is an infill residential property. This is a victorian style home with off street parking as a part of its development. We have noted over recent years the growing parking issues in the neighborhood due to development of lots without parking provided in the plans.

The change to TC-1 zoning for this small lot is totally inappropriate. The lane in particular is not designed for supporting commercial uses and is currently stressed with the current infill development occurring without providing supporting parking. The subject lot where commercial zoning is being requested has has been utilized for years for parking and for trash and recycling containers for the adjoining residential apartment building. This lot should be considered as a part of the apartment building complex.

This being a small lot located on a lane that serves residential properties makes the development of this property, especially into commercial use, totally inappropriate. If developed, where will the residents of the residential apartment building park? Where will their trash and recycling services be provided?

Inappropriate infill development must be stopped in the Victorian District. Any proposed development both commercial and residential in the district must be carefully scrutinized to insure it is appropriate, adding value to the surrounding property and neighborhood and providing parking supporting its proposed use. There are currently plenty of other underutilized commercial properties in the area that can be developed without negatively impacting this residential lane's use.

We appreciate your giving consideration to our concerns and comments. We love the neighborhood and the Victorian District. We have witnessed substantial improvements in the neighborhood but are very concerned with what we are seeing with more recent inappropriate infill development in the area.

Thank you again for your consideration to our concerns. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let us know.

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