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Subject: Fwd: 111 E. Gwinnett St. and 113 E. Gwinnett St. - File no. 15-005609-ZBA
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this was sent on November 15 but just got a notice in my box on November 20 that it did not go through... so, I'm trying again!

Andrée Patterson

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: 111 E. Gwinnett St. and 113 E. Gwinnett St. - File no. 15-005609-ZBA
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Dear Mr. Butler, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Cutter, Mrs. Jackson and City Council:

Please make sure all the necessary parties will have a copy of this e-mail before they determine if short term rentals in this area makes sense. Thank you!

We would like to oppose the request for short term rentals for the following reasons:

Located in the Victorian District - Increase density and parking issues as well as the fact that the owner of the properties does not live on site. Six units without immediate supervision. Across from The Mansion.

Here are photos taken on November 15 which will help support our opposition:

First, let me mention that we were sent a Public Hearing Notice only for the address at 113 E. Gwinnett - however, this is a duplex and ALL six units and not only three as stated on the public Hearing Notice we have received should have been mentioned. It should have read 111 and 113 E. Gwinnett St since it is one building.

Here is a photo of the building at 111 and 113 E. Gwinnett St.



SURPRISE; Second, let me also mention that right around the corner of this property, at 812 and 814 Drayton St., there is also a request for short term rentals. The back of this property faces the private parking lot on E. Gwinnett St.

Both of those buildings are scheduled for your meeting on November 25, 2015.

Here is a photo of 812 and 814 Drayton St.



This is also a building with several units.

As per Mr. Butler's letter to me, it was determined by Zoning administrator that

the building at 111 and 113 E. Gwinnett St. meets the parking requirement.

Please note that there is a private parking between the duplex and the corner house at Drayton and Gwinnett Streets.

Here is a photo of the parking lot which has only one access.

None of the properties I am writing about have a lane in the back of their property.



and here is a sign indicating towing possibilities:



from research a neighbor has made, we found out that this lot is owned by Anderson Family LP with a McAlpin Drive - Anson Enterprises.

This lot, which is located in a high demand area of the downtown will likely end up being built upon in the near future.

Then what? Where would the cars presently parking there go if this was to

happen?

Let's go back to 111 and 113 E. Gwinnett St.

The following photo shows you the building leading to 111 and 113 E. Gwinnett St. from the corner of Abercorn:



At the corner of Abercorn and East Gwinnett, this house is being sold indicating it is suitable for residential as well as retail. Of course, retail would bring in even more density and parking issues.

The green house next to the house being sold is a house with 3 apartments being rented. This is a large house. Please count the cars needed for that house. No parking in the back.

On the other side of the private parking lot is the house at the corner of Drayton - this house also has several rental units and a count of the needed cars per apartment should be taken into consideration: here are three pictures:





As you can see from the 3rd picture, this house on the corner is immediately next to the old Confederate Memorial Hall which is an Inn.

PARKING: all of these houses: 111 and 113 E. Gwinnett St., the yellow house on the corner of Drayton and the Confederate Memorial Hall Inn all share some spaces in the private parking lot.

It is unclear if the house at 812, 814 Drayton is sharing in the private parking as well - the back is immediate to the parking lot - no lane.



NOW - IF THIS IS NOT ENOUGH... LET'S LOOK AT THE NEXT BUILDING WHICH IS A TRIPLEX:



Now, NOTE that there is NO PARKING for any of those units except the short block of Bolton for those buildings or East Gwinnett or Abercorn. And, let's not forget all of the other property owners on the first block of East Bolton. *I'm sure someone is tallying all the number of bedrooms at the MPC by now and counting the parking spaces needed?*

At the same time, let's go back to a picture I took from the private parking lot exiting on E. Gwinnett and see what is facing it:



ah yes... it is The Mansion on Forsyth Park... employees and guests use that block as well as the second block of E. Gwinnett, Bolton and Hall for parking all the time. Not to speak of the people coming to Forsyth Park.

Should the MPC and the City Council approve these requests mentioned above, including the one on Drayton, you might as well take the whole block down and build another hotel the size of the Mansion. You will be destroying a beautiful part of the neighborhood.

Please have someone revisit all of the above. Don't forget that many of these old mansions have been made into several apartments with many bedrooms in some instances. It is not unusual for a three bedroom apartment to have four or six cars attached to it - especially when they are rented to students.

As Mr. Butler stated in his letter to me and I'm copying you herewith: **The Short-term Rental use, which is permitted by right in most of the downtown, but is conditional in the Victorian and Mid-City districts, does not limit the number of persons, per se.**

Please do not allow our Victorian neighborhood to follow in the footsteps of the Landmark District. Preserve its beauty and its sense of community.

Please note that all of the neighbors on this list are standing as one on this issue.

Andrée Patterson and neighbors
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