

## Scanlon, Amy

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**Subject:** 801 Williamson St

Dear Landmarks Commission members-

I am on vacation and will not be able to attend tonight's LC meeting. I wanted to share my comments about the informational presentation on the proposed demolition of 801 Williamson St. on tonight's agenda.

Amy Scanlon has indicated to me that in her professional opinion the building is in extreme disrepair. I understand the deterioration is not self-created by the applicant. As you may recall, the building had so many outstanding building code work orders that it was the first candidate for demolition by neglect enforcement action after the new landmarks ordinance was adopted. The owner promptly sold the property. A year has gone by and the new owner Brandon Cook has retained the services of architect Jim Glueck to represent his proposal for demolition.

I respect our preservation planners opinion about the condition of the property. That said, I do not support demolition without any proposal for new construction to review. At this time, without any details, I do not support a mixed use building with commercial at the ground floor and two stories of residential use above. The parcel is small, the assessor's office lists the lot size as 2178 sf, a three-story building seems like too much building for the lot. I have questions about whether the proposed three-story building could meet 41.18 (2)(h).

Assuming the demolition standards could be met, I would like to see more discussion with the property owner and his architect, city staff, MNA, nearby neighbors and the LC before I could support new construction. I would want a careful review of 41.23 and I would like to better understand what the TSS zoning allows as well. In the meantime, if I were there tonight for the informational presentation, I would speak against demolition without any new construction to review.

Thank you-

Marsha