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Message:

To: Madison City Council -
Re: Meeting this evening

We have been living full time in New Orleans for the past few years. When we returned this summer we noticed the issues that we predicted when buildings started sprouting like weeds around here - in the past 5 years.

- Parking every day - especially weekends and after 5 has become impossible on the 2500 block of Kendall Ave.

- Homes from 2700 - 2400 block of Kendall have become mostly rentals. We now have 5-7 rentals just on 1 block that had once been homes to families who cared for their home and watched out for each other - We have lost that community and it was deeply felt and noticed after being gone for 3 years.

Now we will have another ugly - no rules - no requirements to look like the landscape of our area "multi-use" building....what about all the empty spaces that are already not being used for retail or "multi-use" from the Mullins building and Gold Leaf?

And you may not see this but we can see from our back windows all the "part-time" residents that come and go from these developments...Air B&B? -sublets? We don't know but it looks like a damn hotel on many weekends... not to mention all the pets that are coming and going with people not caring about cleaning up after themselves.

In addition, there is no rules set in place for SALTING the sidewalks or what salt to use... with these developers and have been polluting the sidewalks all winter around here. There is no reason for the dumping of salt on these sidewalks when it is not needed. In

the rain this morning on my walk with our dog I saw a company come in, dump salt on we sidewalks and drive away.

The small mom-pop rentals are struggling and do all the right things and LIVE IN THE AREA THEY RENT IN, but now we see "for rent" signs everywhere because they can't compete...not a smart thing if you ask me.

Any given evening we have cars parked up to people's driveways to get to their restaurant table at Lombardino's /Olivers and dozens of renters who don't use the paid parking spaces in their building park on the street with no option for home owners to have any place to park an extra car when visitors come. We have to play musical cars to get someone to come over and park and then they must park down the street about 2 blocks. When these folks support the building projects and claim "nobody drives cars..." is absolutely ignorant to what is really happening around here in Dist. 5. Every 2-3 bedroom apt that is around here has 2-3 drivers with 2-3 cars and they don't want to pay for the heated parking in their building and would prefer to drive around and take spaces on our block after 5...

Really sad to see how crappy our neighborhood has become - guess these areas just don't want long time residents living here any more.

I suspect this letter won't go anywhere, but if it could be included in the meeting tonight I would appreciate it, as we KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS ISSUE UNTIL TODAY. So typical that neighbors aren't informed and so typical that the neighbors that will be defending this building proposal live in a completely different part of town, as what happened when the Mullins monstrosity was built - we were dealing with people who lived on Monroe and by the ZOO? And not actually LIVE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

I'm sorry that when I look down the street now it looks so ugly I don't recognize Old University anymore and as our council person I can't imagine you think this all great. Screw the long term residents and support short term living...is that the new Madison motto?

I guess somebody is proud, but certainly not the people who have lived here over 20 years and put sweat equity into their homes with the hopes of keeping a community of people who care and not short term transients who live here just for the free WiFi and being able let their designer dogs poop all over and not pick up after themselves.

Since moving back here I have noticed that the garbage services for these buildings have decided they can also pick up garbage at any time of the day - especially at 6am - 9pm...whatever.... guess the 7am rule doesn't apply anymore.

Here's to another really ugly building and resident input doesn't matter.

Mary Lou Krase


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