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Very disappointing as I dont feel at all that the current draft and LORC process are in any way weakening the ordinance- quite the opposite. We have been thoughtful and I have been a staunch advocate for very good changes.

On Mar 7, 2015, at 11:10 PM, John Schlaefer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Neighbors,

The Regent neighborhood is approaching a critical point in the life of its historic district. The Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee (LORC), an ad-hoc committee of the Common Council has been meeting for several months to review a draft of a new Landmarks Ordinance that was put together by the Landmarks Commission. That draft was considerably weaker than the current ordinance that is in place, and each draft that comes out of LORC is weaker yet. If the Common Council adopts the weaker ordinance that the development community has been lobbying for, it will open up the possibility of huge apartment buildings being built in the city's historic districts, including our own University Heights Historic District, defeating the purpose in having historic districts.

The Madison Alliance for Historic Preservation was formed by a group of citizens interested in protecting our historic districts, which contain only .7% of the city's land area. We need your help. We have been attending all of LORC's meetings to lobby hard for "an effective Landmarks Ordinance for the City of Madison that preserves and enhances our historic legacy, preserves our landmarked buildings and historic districts, increases public appreciation and support for preservation, and assures our economic vitality and stewardship." (See the attached Alliance Mission Statement and Core Values) We have played by the rules, but feel that LORC is not listening to us. Shiva is a member of the ad-hoc committee. I don't doubt that she cares about historic preservation,

but we're not sure she is with us on getting the strongest ordinance, so we are asking the neighborhood to put pressure on Shiva to embrace our effort to save Madison's historic districts by endorsing the Alliance's mission statement and working to get the other members of the committee to get on board with us. Also, we ask that if you have friends and family who live in Chris Schmidt's district, Mark Clear's district, or Steve King's district that they lobby them to send the strongest possible draft ordinance to the Common Council.

Thank you for your help in protecting an important part of our community that could be up for grabs if a weakened Landmarks Ordinance is adopted.

John Schlaefer

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