

From: MJ []
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 1:22 PM
To: Martin, Alan
Subject: 739 Williamson/740 Jenifer proposal

To the Members of the UDC:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the current plans for the 740 Jenifer St./739 Williamson St. proposed developments. I have rented the neighboring house at 735 Williamson St. for the past 3 years.

My concerns relate primarily to the scale of the development at 739 Williamson St. and the overall use of space. There are four windows that face East on the first floor of 735 Williamson; a four-story apartment building built in close proximity to 735 Williamson will directly impact the natural light that comes into the house from the East side of the property, greatly affecting the interior charm of this historic house. Additionally, I have concerns related to the number and size of units proposed at 739 Williamson, such that the proposed development consisting of 12 small, mostly 1-bedroom units will preclude families from moving in to this block of Williamson. I and my husband, along with our two small children, were drawn to this neighborhood in part because it is notoriously family friendly. A 2-3 unit development consisting of 2-bedroom apartments seems like it might fit the feel of this block more readily. Finally, I would like to see plans that include sustainable materials, such as repurposing the wood from the large, old trees that currently sit on the 739 Williamson/740 Jenifer parcel or the addition of solar panels on the roof.

Thank you for incorporating these concerns into your discussion and consideration of this proposal.

Kind regards,

Marie Jette and Family
[REDACTED] Williamson St. (tenant)