

Ekberg, Meri Rose

From: Alexander Harding <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 9:51 AM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: Are you kidding me?!

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WE NEED MORE HOUSING. What is wrong with you.

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From: wendell kirkman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:48 AM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: 826 Williamson St Concerns

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that the landmarks commission has vetoed the dissolving of property boundaries at 826 Williamson St, thereby blocking housing from being built.

While I respect historic precedent, we are facing a severe housing crisis that can only be fixed by a huge influx of housing. That will inevitably mean that some things have to change.

Please reconsider the decision.

Thank you,
Wendell Kirkman
Madison Resident

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From: Ashley Harris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 11:14 AM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: 826 Williamson St. parcel

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Dear Commission,

I am a city of Madison resident and I oppose the Commission's decision to reject this application to combine lots based on lot size. This rejection does not accomplish the city's protection and preservation of historic resources and is an obstacle to providing a framework for reinvestment in Madison's housing.

Ashley Harris

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From: Jacob Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 12:30 PM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: Willy street apartment block

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I don't know what to say anymore. You guys are an absolute joke. "The lot size doesn't fit the historical size in this neighborhood." You guys need to listen to people. This needs to be built the way it is.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: ProudMadisonNimbee [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 12:31 PM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: A few thought on legistar 73458

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Hello all,

I have a few thoughts on the Williamson Street lot merger that was (RIGHTLY!) denied by Landmarks Commission.

When I was in high school (I grew up outside of Madison), my friends and I would occasionally drive to Madison for concerts and things of that nature. I remember seeing that lot—I think?—with a bunch of samples of different fences built on it. It was incredible. There was chain link, there was picket, there was wrought iron (maybe), there was cedar. It went on and on. Chain link even came in different colors: zinc-coated steel, black, green. Like nothing I'd ever seen.

Where I came from, fences were made from rusty barbed wire strung between crooked, rotten posts and sometimes trees. These beautiful fences, by contrast, were inspirational in their crispness and variety.

I'd hate for future generations to be deprived of the experience of seeing the fence samples. It changed my perspective on fences forever.

Probably what should happen is the city should buy the lots and preserve them forever unchanged as a monument to Madison's greatness. It would make sense to tear down all of the houses and buildings within perhaps a 10 block radius to really emphasize that. They could use all that space to put in massive parking lots for all the visitors that will come. Our Disneyland.

Thanks,
A Proud Madison Nimbee

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From: Orrie Walsvik <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 1:23 PM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: Housing Development on Willy Street

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Good Afternoon,

I write to express my disapproval of the Landmarks Commission's recent action to block a housing development on the old Struck/Irwin building plot. Madison is exploding with growth at a massive pace. At the same time, climate change requires reliance on public transportation and city density. The Willy Street corridor is one of the best places for people to live where they work and access transit. Listening to the neighborhood homeowners--either millionaires, or those who got in early, disproportionately represents those in Madison who need housing most. Gentrification happens most not when we build more housing, but when a city is so suffocated for housing, poor individuals are priced out. It also decreases the quality of living for those in Madison who rent--allowing slumlords to maintain bad living conditions because they are not allowed any competition. Denying a petition to maintain "Historic Lot sizes" is a darkly comical reason for pushing those individuals out of the city. If this is the way the commission will act going forward, then I see no reason for the commission to exist. This is anti-Madison, and the antithesis of our progressive history.

Regards,

Orrie Walsvik

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From: Christopher Enos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 2:26 PM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: Williamson Street Development

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To Whom it May Concern,

As a longtime Madison resident, advocate for housing, and civil engineer passionate about smart urban development, I would like to express my extreme concern and disappointment at the Commission's recent blocking of the redevelopment of the housing project in Willy St (including 826 Williamson St and 302 S. Paterson St.).

While I certainly respect the Commission's mission of preserving the character and integrity of Madison's urban space, the city - and in particular its young adults looking to build a life in a thriving, dynamic urban community - is in *desperate* need of dense housing. Given the overwhelming community support for the development and, frankly, inefficient and unsightly current land use as a largely empty lot, I implore the Commission to reconsider.

I love this city and plan to continue to make it my home for life, and I know so many more who share this feeling. Madison is at a critical juncture in its life where every decision made affects generations to come, including your own children, grandchildren, and beyond. Affordability in Madison is nearing a breaking point, and I worry that my children and their children will face dire economic conditions that only the decisions we make **now** can solve.

Every dense housing unit added has a flowdown effect that begets affordability, availability, and a culturally and economically prosperous community. We as a community must do what we can to be proactive and not reactive. Not to mention that Madison gaining a reputation as being anti-sensible development will only hamstring future efforts to remedy problems created today.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and again, I ask that you keep Madison's present and future generations in mind and reconsider your decision.

Best,
Chris Enos

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From: J S [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:57 PM
To: PLLCApplications; Mayor; Plan Commission Comments; Foster, Grant; Benford, Brian
Subject: 826 Williamson St. and 302 S. Paterson St

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Hi,

I'm writing to support the development at 826 Williamson St. and 302 S. Paterson St.

It is pretty frustrating that this is being delayed.

We need more housing in Madison to limit housing costs.

We need more density in Madison for the character/joy that comes with walkability and to fight climate change.

I heard it was mentioned at the meeting that we might upzone all areas near brt?! If that is a possibility, I would also like to support it, after seeing this delay in developing an empty lot. I previously lived right next door to this lot and now live further down Atwood - and I love all the neighbors and businesses that come with new buildings!

Thank you,

Joe

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From: Claeht Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:43 AM
To: PLLCApplications
Subject: 4-2 vote on lot combination

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My name is Clayton L. Smith. I have lived on Willy st. for 20+ years and I am saying combine the damn lots. WE NEED HOUSING. HELP US. RENTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL.

Do you know how rare it is for the Marquette Neighborhood Association to UNANOMOUSLY agree to support a developer? I can't think of another instance. Let him put the lots together. You are killing this city with high rents.