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Hi, I would like to submit a written comment for the agenda item #5, Demo Permit - 310-322 E Washington Ave. I am in opposition to this demolition if it involves destruction of the many instances of great trees, shrubs, gardens, and other vegetation that surround the church. The church's downspout gardens provide homegrown, organic, fresh produce for the community. This would be a great shame to lose. The many native trees and shrubs, especially the area on the hillside behind the church, provide a huge variety of ecosystem services - erosion control, healthy soil, absorbing water runoff, cooling shade, cleaning the air, aesthetic enjoyment, and increased property value. That area also supports a large variety of pollinators and wildlife. I live at Butler Plaza next door and the natural area is of huge value to myself and other local residents. This includes the gardens and the trees, shrubs, and natural areas. Living right downtown, such good green space is hard to come by. We get to enjoy bird watching and wildlife watching, and knowing that pollinators have some habitat in leaf litter, in such an urbanized area. Thank you for your consideration. I just wanted to make sure someone is here to speak for the environment and green space around the building that is important to us.

Thanks,

Jake Pelegrin