



MARQUETTE BUNGALOWS NEIGHBORS GROUP

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Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee,

On behalf of the 68 owners (many homes have two members in our group) of the homes in the Marquette Bungalows Historic District (MBHD) represented by this Neighbors Group, I am adding support for the Alliance for Historic Preservation (Alliance) proposal presented to LORC for district specific ordinances and not one generic ordinance.

As I have stated in writing and in LORC testimony many times over the last 2 ½ years, we bungalow owners feel strongly that a district specific ordinance is required to meet the needs of our specific historic district. We do not feel that the current LORC proposal for one generic ordinance will accomplish that goal. The original MBHD ordinance was written with input from the homeowners (some of whom are still part of this group) to highlight the issues and guidance that they felt was necessary to maintain historic quality in our district. MBHD is different than any of the other districts. I expect that each of the district's requirements are unique to that district. One size for all will not work for MBHD nor the others.

There are many instances in the current LORC draft that do not reflect the original MBHD owner's intent. In fact, I point out the Alliance attachments and charts that analyze just for new construction (yes, there will be new construction in our district and a homeowner has already contacted the city about his intent to build new) and it is likely that eventually a homeowner will decide to replace a current structure. And alterations are inevitable. These 15 examples are just a sample of the issues between the current LORC proposal and the current ordinance. LORC asks for examples - the Alliance analysis begins to provide that documentation.

As I continue to say on behalf of our owners in the MBHD, we wish a district specific ordinance. We are the major stakeholders who will have to live with the final ordinance and want to make clear that we will not support an ordinance that does not reflect our interests. We developed the original ordinance and want to be part of the final ordinance to meet our needs. Though we have many concerns, we will not comment on proposed ordinance language until a final version is developed by LORC.

We do not feel that one generic ordinance filled with exemption after exemption for each district will be a useful tool for homeowners, the city or Landmarks.

I am happy to answer any questions.

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