

To: Ann Arbor Historic District Commission
From: Ethel Potts
Subject: Zingerman's Development proposal

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I recommend that the HDC approve Zingerman's development project, both the demolition of the small house facing Kingsley and the new building proposed for the larger site.

The house on Kingsley is in such bad shape that it would be very expensive to try to rebuild. Even then, because some of its problems are basic structural problems, there is no assurance that it would end up usable for any purpose.

I spoke strongly against the demolition of this house at the hearing for the previous development proposal, because it stood in the way of constructing the unfortunate previous proposal, which I felt was too tall and looked like a massive warehouse. Quite inappropriate.

The building presently being proposed should be approved, I believe, because it will be in scale with the small scale of neighborhood, and the charming Kerrytown and Farmer's Market buildings. The form and the large amount of glass proposed will lessen this new large building's negative impact on the historic neighborhoods.

I will be out of town for your hearing, but will listen later on Cable to your deliberations.

Thank you for your work.

Ethel Potts