

**From:** [Dennis Gala](#)  
**To:** [Gale, Mia](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 12/1/2020 City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission Agenda  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 25, 2020 9:51:00 PM

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Thank you for your email today. This email is directed to the City of Ann Arbor Building/Planning Department.

I am hoping that my letter here would be read publicly and recorded as such. I would like everyone to hear what our feelings are about the following proposed project just next door to our property. I am writing to you in regards to the homes at 907 and 913 South Main. Both homes may soon be torn down and a single apartment building may be built as their replacement. This new proposed building will have 35 bedrooms with a potential of up to 70 residents. Parking for this proposed new building will be very limited to about 15 spaces. I am horrified to think that the city would allow such a building to be built with so little parking and hope those on the panel would have the good sense not to let it happen. It will also create a congested traffic mess to put it politely.

I became part owner of 903 South Main in 1995. In 2001 my good friend who owned and lived in the home there originally, passed away and left the home to my wife and I. In 2002 we tore the house down to the foundation and after much painstaking planning built a new home no larger than the original footprint. The original home was built in the 1800's and moved there in the 1940's. It was in very poor shape. We built a new home that mimicked what was there and would fit into the neighborhood. We wanted it to be appealing to the surrounding neighbor's homes. We strive very hard to keep our home at 903 in great shape. I would hope the owner of the two properties would consider following suit and build something with consideration of the neighboring community.

Again, this new proposed building definitely does not fit into the neighborhood. It is massive, extremely unattractive, and will house way too many people. South Main Street is already a race track. I can only imagine the amount of traffic such a building would create, once it was built and occupied. I would like to ask the panel of people overseeing this proposal to turn this proposal down and not allow such a monstrosity to be built. It simply is too big for such a small area and lack of parking is also a huge concern. Although I realize there is nothing illegal about who owns property in the city, It does however concern me that individuals come from out of town or out of State, build unsightly buildings in our fair city and then they are gone. It would be much more appreciated if the proposed building fit in more with the adjoining properties and was not so massive. Please stop this project in its tracks. In my opinion it would behoove the new owner of the properties to work with the neighboring property owners and come up with a more compatible plan.

Just yesterday I had a conversation with Tom Crawford, the interim city Administrator for the city of Ann Arbor. We spoke about an entirely different subject, but during our conversation out of the blue he complimented me on our property at 903 South Main, and what we have done with it. To have a building built right next door like the one proposed, would be a real shame after we have built something that truly fits the neighborhood and the landscape. Please reconsider the plan before you. I can be reached at 734-846-5864. My email is as above [dgala208@gmail.com](mailto:dgala208@gmail.com).

Thank You Very Much, Dennis and

Barbara Gala , Owners of 903 South Main Street.

On Wed, Nov 25, 2020 at 6:42 PM Gale, Mia <[RGale@a2gov.org](mailto:RGale@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Dennis,

We'll be happy to provide your comments to the Commission.

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Thank you. If I respond to this email with my concerns will that be sufficient enough to be read at the meeting?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2020, at 4:54 PM, Gale, Mia <[RGale@a2gov.org](mailto:RGale@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Hey Dennis,

I'm forwarding you the agenda, as promised, for next week's Planning Commission. Please let me or Chris Cheng know if you have any questions. *Happy Holidays!*

This is the Zoom webinar for the **City Planning Commission Meeting** of Tuesday, **12/1/2020** at 7:00 p.m.

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