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Cc: Planning; DiLeo, Alexis

Subject: Petition to rezone 1320 South University

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am sending you my notes from the community meeting held March 16, 2010 about the Sotiroff's petition to have 1320 South University rezoned from D2 to D1. I do not think that the petitioner's characterization of this meeting accurately reflects the highly negative views that long-term neighborhood residents expressed about this specific proposal.

I strongly support the Planning Department staff report that recommends denial of this petition and I urge you all to vote to deny it on Tuesday, February 7th.

Respectfully,

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From: Eleanor R Linn 1 [<mailto:elinn@umich.edu>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 12:08 PM

To: Rampson, Wendy; Kowalski, Matthew

Subject: Meeting about rezoning 1320 South University

Dear Wendy, dear Matt,

I thought you might like to read some of my brief notes.

The neighborhood meeting about rezoning 1320 South University took place last night. There were about a dozen community members - local residents and landlords. Susan Friedlander, lawyer for Jim and Keith Sotiroff did most of the talking, though the Sotiroffs were both there, as was Brad Moore, who said he was a local architect working with them. He and they said contradictory things about plans for this parcel should they get the zoning they want.

Rather than say that they had gotten no support from City Council for their zoning appeal, they said they were told by the City that they needed to start at the beginning and apply for a zoning change. They said that they wanted to build something 145 ft tall with a 70-80 ft setback, a parking lot in the setback area and underground parking. They did not say how they would deal with the major sewer pipe that ran under that setback area.

Susan Friedlander said that all of South University except their property was now D1, so that the neighbors would "have to deal with it." To which one of the community members responded, "your property is D2, so you'll have to deal with that." She said that they had no relationship to the developers of 601 Forest, but at a later point said they might want to share a driveway with that building.

Several people said that they could probably make more money building a 6-7 story building with more amenities to be sold as condos, to which Susan Friedlander said, "you'll have to talk to my clients." Her clients were right in the room, but they said nothing.

Several community people said "this project has nothing to offer us," and "if you want us to support this, you've got to offer something appealing to the neighbors." They pointed out that it will create more parking problems, more density, more noise, and garbage in the neighborhood.

Susan Friedlander ended the meeting 30 minutes earlier than scheduled. It seems there was nothing to discuss.

I thought you'd like this brief report.

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