

The League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area recommends that:

1. The City Planning Commission appoint an Urban Design Review committee to be made up of a landscape architect, an architect, an architectural historian, and an urban planner.
2. The City Planning Commission charge the Urban Design Review Committee with:
 - a. Developing Urban Design Standards and
 - b. Reviewing proposed development projects to ensure that the standards are met.
3. The Urban Design Standards be incorporated into the city zoning ordinance concurrently with adoption of the ordinance.

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To City Council and the Planning Commission

We represent all of the property owners living in 322 Liberty Lofts. 21 properties. We came today to speak to both the planning commission and city council to give community input into the future developments in Ann Arbor, especially the core of the city.

On behalf of our Condominium Association we would like to share our thoughts and concerns:

1. We support development in our city, especially development that helps to retain the main character of Ann Arbor. After all, we actually moved into a new development, 322 Liberty Lofts.
2. We are all hoping to get a better understanding of the long-term development plans that the commission and council have as it relates to the core of the city, which we are a part of.
3. Our residents are having a very difficult time understanding what the long term development plans are for the 5th street parking structure and the surface above this. Some residents continue to wonder about the need for a huge underground parking structure when many parking spots seem to always be available in the downtown parking structures.
4. All of our residents hope that if a structure must be put on the surface of the 5th street parking structure that as much green is incorporated into the surface and that the building is properly set back from other buildings.
5. Additionally, should development projects begin we would like to work with the city to make sure we mitigate construction noise, dirt, dust, traffic, etc.
6. Finally, all of our residents care about the city and would like to know who is the single person or committee that we can work with to better understand the development project and be supportive.

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