

Dear members of Ann Arbor City Council and Mayor Taylor,

December 12, 2017

First we would like to thank you for your thoughtful attention to the issues surrounding the Inglis House and its properties. We have been very impressed with the careful consideration you have given to our neighborhood concerns regarding maintaining the integrity of this beautiful home and surrounding property. We are very grateful for your responsiveness.

We are writing, as neighbors whose property is adjacent to the Inglis House and as people who were formerly in favor of designating the property as a Historic District, in support of a “no” vote on historic designation of the Inglis estate.

Our reason for reversing our original position in favor of historic designation is because a new and innovative solution to protect the home has arisen. The Musser family’s interest in living in the property and their willingness to accept particular deed restrictions make us confident that they will care for the property and not allow it to be torn down. Since the family has requested that the home not be designated as a historic district because that would create financial and practical barriers to their being able to restore the home in order to live in it, we want to transfer our support to them. We trust the intentions of the Musser’s and want to welcome them as neighbors.

Additionally, the emails below are from other neighbors indicating their support of the Musser family’s purchase of the home.

We feel we have reached a win-win situation for all parties involved, and thank you for your conscientious attention to the fate of this exceptional home that graces Ann Arbor. Special thanks to Jane Lumm who was instrumental in carrying this issue to a successful conclusion.

William and Katrin Robertson

Emails from neighbors when asked their opinion about historic designation in light of the Musser’s interest in the property.

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Jacqueline Morton
to me

Hello,

As I mentioned before the purchase of Inglis house by a family is good news indeed. We agree that the Mussers should be given the freedom to remodel the house and grounds as they see fit without the constraints of a historical designation.

Thank you for the time and effort you've invested in protecting the neighborhood.

Brian and Jacqueline Morton
15 Regent Drive

Nov
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Susan O'Dwyer

to me

Oh. My. Stars. This is absolutely DIVINE! The Musser family is an answer to prayer. WOW! Just. Wow! I don't speak for my entire family, but I cannot tell you how excited I am about this! TREMENDOUS! I can't be there Mon. night, but hope a cousin can. Forwarding out now to the entire clan.

Ecstatically yours,
Susan Inglis O'Dwyer

From: Katrin Robertson [mailto:katrin@wholemindesign.com]
Sent: November 20, 2017 5:53 PM
To: Katrin Robertson <katrin@wholemindesign.com>

Susan O'Dwyer

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to me

I am not a neighbor but I do represent the Inglis family. All Inglis' are heartily in favor of the Mussers purchasing the property and their good will.

Respectfully,
Susan Inglis O'Dwyer

From: Katrin Robertson [mailto:katrin@wholemindesign.com]
Sent: December 01, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Katrin Robertson <katrin@wholemindesign.com>
Subject: Inglis House update - timely response requested

ames Westphal

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to me

Hi Katrin,

Yes, we are comfortable with replacing the historic designation with these deed restrictions.

Thanks for your efforts!

Jim

Mary Cady

Nov
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to Ed, me

Great news, Katie!! What a good outcome for all concerned; you've been so instrumental in achieving this very positive result. Thank you for all your hard work.

We will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday, as some of our family will still be here, but I look forward to receiving future updates on the Inglis/Musser house.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and Bill, and thank you again.

Mary

On Nov 20, 2017, at 5:52 PM, Katrin Robertson <katrin@wholemindesign.com> wrote:

Carolyn Lepard

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to me

I am a neighbor and strongly in favor of selling the Inglis House to the Musser family and not pursuing Historic Status for the property. cal

Carolyn Lepard
The Spirit of Ann Arbor
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[734-417-2900](tel:734-417-2900)

Rochel Urist

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to me

Replacing historic designation with deed restrictions is fine with me.

--Rachelle Urist 310 Awixa Road, Ann Arbor, Mi 48104

Karenwestphal

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to me

Sounds great!
Thanks,
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

B Holly Smith

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to me

Dear Katrin,

As an Orchard Hills neighbor who came to the Ingles House meeting, I would be satisfied with the deed restrictions proposed and the expressed good will of the Musser family without the need for Historic District status at this time.

Thank you for your efforts,

Holly Smith
[196 Orchard Hills Ct
Ann Arbor, 48104](mailto:196 Orchard Hills Ct Ann Arbor, 48104)

Louisa Pieper

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to me

Deed restrictions as mentioned are ok with me instead of a historic district.

Clara Verweij

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to Abraham, me

Dear Katrin,

We are in agreement. We have written a letter to both the City Council a week ago, and the Historic District Commission yesterday regarding this already.

looking forward to hear about the Historic District meeting decisions and follow-up by City Council.

Regards from San Antonio where I am getting to know our baby granddaughter.

Clara Verweij & Abraham Vanderspek
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Linda Dintenfass <ldintenfass@me.com>

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to Ken, me

Katrin,

My husband, Ken Wisinski, and I support the deed restrictions. We do not feel that a historical designation should be pursued at this time.

It's hard to imagine owners better suited to Inglis House than the Mussers. We would not support actions which would derail their purchase. Negotiating deed restrictions is the best way forward.

Thank you,

Linda
Lisa and Home

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to me

Katie, considering all the factors, we am in favor of replacing the historic designation with deed restrictions for now.
Many thanks,
Lisa and Dan Newman (back fence neighbors to Inglis)

Philip Gingerich

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to me

Thanks Katie -- If the only way to get the Mussers into the house is to postpone the historic designation then I am a YES, contingent on the deed restrictions preserving the possibility of historic designation later. Since the University couldn't figure out how to use the house it seems all too consistent that they would let a historically-designated house fall to ruin. Philip

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McCune, William (Joseph)

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to Georgiana, me

Yes that is fine

Thanks!!

Joe

W Joseph McCune MD
Michael and Marcia Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases
University of Michigan

Claire Turcotte

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to me

hello Katrin,

I told Bridget that I am pleased with the deed restrictions as a replacement to the historic designation at this time.

Best,
Claire

Jennifer Poteat

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to me

I am very much in favor of the 4+acres going to the arb. I am ok w not having a historical designation if there is some way to have renovation plans reviewed by another party. Just want to be sure that they are sticking to their initially stated intent. I also realize that having a historical designation can make some common sense renovations impossible. Like new windows and doors or upgrading electrical and HVAC.

Jennifer Poteat
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Constance Cook

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to me

I am willing to replace the historic designation with deed restrictions. Thanks.

Connie Cook

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Bill Robertson

Dec 2 (13
days ago)

to me

This plan looks good. We agree to replace the request for historical designation with deed restrictions makes sense at this time

Bill and Katie Robertson
200 Orchard Hills Dr

Millicent Higgins

Dec 2 (13
days ago)

to me

I am in favor of the Musser plan and would postpone the request for Historic Designation of the Inglis House until their purchase of the Estate is closed and their renovations are completed. I would have preferred the University to have retained and restored the property for use as a Faculty Club however it does not seem that solution is possible.

Julia A. Caroff

Dec 2 (13 days ago)

to me

Hello Katrin,
I support the use of deed restrictions rather than the historic designation.
Thank you for your tireless efforts on the question of the Inglis House's future.
Best,
Julia

Lynn Marko

Dec 3 (12 days ago)

to me

Thank you for all of your work on this issue. We are the Markos who live directly across from Inglis House at 2224 Highland. We are thrilled to have the property and the house bought by a single family with the intentions of restoring it. Therefore, we would be in favor of deed restrictions instead of historic designation.

ohn Biel

Dec 3 (12 days ago)

to me

I, Elizabeth Jackson, and my husband, John Biel, are in favor of the deed restrictions vs. historic designation. We live at 20 Heatheridge St, a few blocks away from the Inglis property, and wish to give it the best chance of avoiding the wrecking ball.

Sent from my iPhone