

Thank you Andrea for sharing this information with the list.

I agree with your concerns. I am also perplexed. The Mayor and various members of City Council have been advocating for the construction of student high-rises in the city. These folks argue that this will relieve pressure to convert single family homes into student housing--and would foster the (re)conversion of present student houses back to single family use. Clearly the proposed expansion of "Group Housing Area" zoning is inconsistent with these statements.

I suspect this new zoning expansion will just advance the deterioration of our neighborhood. Do we really need more density here? Recall last week's "White street riot" with a burning sofa in the street?

Do we need more ugly gravel backyards?

Perhaps our city council representatives could tell us why this expansion of the "Group Housing Area" is needed or desirable?

Who benefits from this change? Realtors? Slumlords? Certainly not the families who live here.

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On Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 9:13 AM, Andrea Zemgulys <apzemgulys@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear LoBuPa List,

Tomorrow night (Tuesday 4/16) the City Planning Commission will discuss a proposal to change the area immediately to the north of us into a "Group Housing Area," starting from the north side of Dewey and White, upwards. The proposed area represents a shift from the original plan to create a "Group Housing Area" farther north. My understanding is that the new area definition allows greater scope and more efficient process for variances within the R4C zone, but I am just beginning to inform myself about it. (So, any more informed list members may wish to emend.) My family's concern is that the southward reach of the proposed area will inalterably disturb the precarious balance of residential/student-rental housing in our "frontier" residential neighborhood. We are hoping they will consider pushing the boundary even just one or two lots northward of Dewey.

For those of you interested, I attach the proposal and map, as well as the information regarding the time and location of the Commission meeting. You can also submit written comments by noon tomorrow to planning@a2gov.org. The Commission promises to distribute these comments at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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