

RE: NEAR NORTH PROJECT

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To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike

Subject: Near North Project opinion

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Council Members,

I am a former board member of Kerrytown District Association as well as a 15 year business owner in the neighborhood. I recently learned that there is opposition to the affordable housing, Near North project on north Main St. It seems that the main opposer is John Hilton, editor of the Ann Arbor Observer and also an active board member of KDA, as well as the other "usual suspects", Chris Crocket and Ray Detter. The negative stand that KDA took on this project does not reflect that of the Kerrytown business community they represent. It is my feeling that they took a "NIMBY" approach because John Hilton resides on 4th Ave.

which is behind the aforementioned project. Joe ONeal, who is also a KDA board member was not present for the vote and agrees with me that this project is viable and good for our city for many reasons which I'm sure you are aware of. I currently am petitioning all business owners in the KDA district and will present their signatures to council ASAP.

It's about time we as a city put our money where our mouth is and start doing something about affordable housing. This is a wonderful "green" project put forth by good people. I urge you to approve it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time,

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RE: NEAR NORTH PROJECT

From: juliekayeroth@comcast.net [mailto:juliekayeroth@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 9:44 AM

To: Planning

Subject: Near North

To the members of the planning commission,

I wrote once before, detailing my objections to the near north development project. Those objections included the fact that, unlike Avalon's other houses and buildings, there is nothing about this project that helps integrate it into the neighborhood, that promotes resident stewardship, or that suggests that this will be anything other than a big mess -- another Miller Manor. Chicago's Cabrini Green, with a *liquor* store no less.

I write again to plead with you to look into the future and see what this proposal would create. Low-income housing should be open to struggling families. It should be SMALL and integrated into neighborhoods, so that the residents can feel a part of things, so that they can be successful and supported and part of a community!

I sincerely hope that your delay in voting on this project does not mean that the builder will come back with some minor alterations, increasing set-back by a few feet, and you will be swayed by this. The project needs to be scrapped entirely. It's the wrong thing to do, and the wrong place to do it.

Thank you,
Julie Roth
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