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Subject: 401-413 Huron

Dear Commissioners,

I attended the hearing last evening that ended with the vote on this development. Thank you all for your thoughtful discussion in response to the public's and developer's comments. Clearly, the zoning of the site was a terrible mistake that could result in a development that is out of proportion and significantly harms the character and value of an historic neighborhood, not to mention the potential for killing a landmark tree. There seems to be a consensus among commissioners that the zoning for this site should be D2. It also seems clear to me that there is no point in "design guidelines" that are optional. These guidelines are very important in planning for development that reflects the values and vision of citizens and leaders. Last night's discussion showed the absurdity of having such important guidelines as optional standards. The Planning Commission should lead the effort to change these potentially damaging aspects of the planning process.

It was baffling to me that after Mr. Derezynski's statements in support of attracting retirees to Ann Arbor, even to the extent of arranging a conference on this topic, that he would vote in favor of the 401-413 development which slashes the value and appeal of Sloan Plaza where many retirees now live.

The development at 401-413 Huron is not in the interest of citizens of Ann Arbor and should be revised to be more in keeping with D2 standards.

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