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The Comprehensive Plan and Spring Street

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Hello Commission:

The map for the Comprehensive Plan seems to indicate that the east side of lower Spring Street will be zoned Transition. Is that correct? (When I zoom into the map the resolution gets fuzzy and so I'm not sure about this.)

It looks like that change is proposed between Miller and Felch. Presently, Spring Street is entirely residential other than at the corners at the base (at Miller). I had thought that the city had intended for the railroad track to be a demarcation between downtown and residential.

My wife and I live at 515 Spring Street. The lots across the street are very deep, and the vintage, weary housing there, which provides affordable housing, make those lots easy targets for the large scale commercial or industrial uses allowed in the Transition zone. We are sure that such buildings would erode the character of this neighborhood.

Moreover, they would increase Spring Street traffic. Spring Street is heavily used as a cut-through between Huron Avenue and North Main. I have requested mitigation of this from my council representatives over many years, without results, even though the previous Comprehensive Plan explicitly includes something like "Reduce traffic infiltration into residential neighborhoods."

A "No Left Turn" sign on eastbound Miller at Spring Street would be a big help in reducing the cut through. That is a tricky intersection anyway, because of the misalignment between Chapin and Spring, and because cars westbound on Miller come down the hill from First at high speed, turning a blind corner.

Regards,
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