

Subject: Ascension Church at 67 North St.

I would like to substitute this letter for the original one I filed.

Thank you,

Ellen

To the members of the Common Council,

I am writing regarding the item on your agenda regarding Ascension Church at 67 North St., at the corner of North Street and Linwood Avenue.

I am a homeowner and resident of Linwood Avenue and also the treasurer of Linwood Preservation District and Friends. I am writing in strong opposition to his project.

As you know, this property straddles the boundaries of two city preservation districts and is the gateway to Linwood Avenue. Therefore, it should be treated with double the amount of care and consideration by the Common Council.

The Episcopal Church Homes came to our neighborhood two and a half years ago to propose this project. We were opposed to the project then and raised many concerns. When they came back to us this summer with a nearly identical design, they had addressed none of our concerns and were dismissive of our opinions altogether.

Simply, what the Episcopal Church Homes is proposing is not right for this property nor for our neighborhood. Any new structure built on this property goes against the historical intent of the structure and this plot of land should not be seen as dividable. I do not support any new structure built on this property, particularly one that would obscure the view of a historic E.B. Green home in the parcel.

Furthermore, Episcopal Church Homes is proposing to build low-income senior housing. We are saturated with this type of housing on Linwood Avenue and on Delaware Avenue (especially with the People Inc. project starting construction on Linwood Avenue this month), so it's simply not needed. Not to mention that there is no parking for the 28 units they're proposing and street parking is not an option.

I urge you to oppose this development for the historic Ascension Church site and any future development which would seek to build a new structure.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued vigilance of historic preservation on Linwood Avenue.

Sincerely,

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