



Tonights vote

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 4:49 PM

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**Dear Madam Clerk,** I am unable to attend the meeting tonight, and so am asking you to read my comments and set them in the minutes. My wife and I are for the new development by Jeff Maxwell. We urge the council to vote for this tonight. Bob and Sheryl Beinhart



**Re: UHeights Council meeting**

Monday, November 8, 2010 5:19 PM

**From:** "Mel" <penguin.biter@gmail.com>

**To:** uhclerk@yahoo.com

Hello,

I would like this to be read on my behalf for I will not be able to attend the meeting this week.

Thanks,  
Melissa C. Ramos

Members of the Council,

My name is Melissa Ramos and I live in the Grandview Condos in University Heights, where I sit on the board as Treasurer. I am encouraging the council to vote for the development in UH. I feel that such a great opportunity awaits for the people of University Heights to expand and broaden our small town.

Thanks,

Melissa C. Ramos  
300 Grandview Court

To Members of the University Heights City Council:

Many people want to live near UIHC, the dental school, the pharmacy school, the law school, and Kinnick. Currently, housing in this area is relatively scarce. That is why property in University Heights is valuable. If 80 condos are built at One University Place, housing will NOT be as scarce and our property will be less valuable. It's as simple as that.

It's bad enough that 30 condos are being built on the former Neuzil property, but at least I could understand why the Iowa City council voted to rezone it. They don't live in University Heights, so what do they care?

But you should care about One University Place. Rezoning will lower the property values for everyone here. If University Heights needs money down the road, funds can be collected from our citizens directly, through a temporary property tax increase or perhaps a bond issue. Don't give away our valuable real estate to a condo developer!

Doris Eckey  
33 Highland Drive

I can't come to the meeting. Could someone please read my statement for me? I sent it as an email, but only this afternoon, so they probably will not have seen it yet.

*Doris*

Jane Gay 106 Koser Ave

I have lived in the house my parents built in 1951 for all but a few years of my life.

I was Raised in U-Heights,  
Raised my 3 children,  
and intend to Remain here through my Retirement.

I have witnessed many changes over the past 59 years:

- The commercial area that was Lausen Grocery, Boerne's pharmacy and Mr Lew's gift shop is now a bistro, cop shop and dental office.
- The town has doubled in size with the development of west of Sunset, the filling in of all our vacant lot play areas, and the building in of Melrose and George Street.

I believe the building code should be changed to allow for the Maxwell development. It is feasible and the best option for our town's future.

I ask that the council approve the code change and Maxwell development.

Jane Gay



**Letter of Support for One University Place project**

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 12:34 PM

**From:** "Megan Bygness" <malicebygness@gmail.com>

**To:** uhclerk@yahoo.com

Chris,

Louise told me I could send you this letter to be read into the meeting tonight. Unfortunately, I have another commitment.

Thanks,

Megan Bygness

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November 9, 2010

To the City Council of University Heights:

My name is Megan Bygness and I live at 1407 Oakcrest Avenue. I would like to express my support for the One University Place project.

University Heights has been my home for the past six years and will continue to be my home in the years to come. I appreciate the unique community we have here and have been very happy living here almost without reservation. I am, however, in support of change and progress in our city. The proposed development at the site of St. Andrew's on Melrose has the potential to change our community for the better in several ways including increasing the diversity of the populace; providing economic benefits for the continued security of the city; and establishing community meeting places and businesses in which to shop, eat and spend within our own community. In short, this kind of development will provide members of our community ways to *live* in our own town, not just sleep here.

The preservation of the ravine is something that I support if it doesn't impact the ability of the project to move forward effectively. In an ideal world we could make room for both. It is, however, not a deal breaker for me, nor should it be for the success of the project.

I wholeheartedly endorse the efforts thus far in support of the project and will continue to favor a mixed-use development on Melrose Avenue.

Sincerely,

Megan Bygness  
1407 Oakcrest Avenue