

Additional Email Council received concerning St. Andrew's site Aug. 8-9

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University Heights Council,

I write this letter with a great sense of frustration, disappointment and anger. We do not think that most of you listening to what a large number of the citizens of University Heights have been saying to the council. I spent many years on the University Heights city council and we never would have treated a large group of citizens in this manner.

The zoning commission believes in the Pat Bauer plan and we think that that he has ideas that we could live with here in the neighborhood.

The Maxwell plan destroys the greenbelt that buffers the development and dumps 1500 cars a day on our quiet narrow residential street. In addition to the cars, we will have delivery trucks, garbage trucks, moving vans and etc on a small street. The light and noise pollution will be enormous.

How can you do this to us?

Why is the Maxwell plan the only plan?

The total disregard for your fellow University Heights is unforgivable.

Steve and Chris Hedlund (Long time residents who have worked here, raised their family here and hate to see the end of the single family tradition that we worked so hard to save.)

approve the Bauer alternative proposal

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From:

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We urge you to vote no for the Maxwell plan for developing the St. Andrew property.

If this plan is approved, it would increase the traffic by our home tremendously. We would

no longer be living in the nice, quite neighborhood we live in now.

We would be in favor of the Bauer alternative proposal.

Russ and Eunice Hunzelman

1456 Grand Av.

to louise from, pat yeggy, & stan laverman: re facts about university heights development

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From: zlatko anguelov [mailto:zanguelov@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2010 1:16 PM

To: brennan-mcgrath@university-heights.org; louise-from@university-heights.org; mike-havercamp@university-heights.org; pat.yeggy@gmail.com; stan-laverman@university-heights.org; jim-lane@university-heights.org

Subject: Re-zoning decision

Dear Mayor From and city councilors,

There is a feeling in the community that you're heading precipitously toward a decision on the two re-zoning proposals that is counter the common sense and the preferences of a significant majority of UH citizens. The Zoning commission has clearly voted in favor of the Bauer proposal. There are unsolved issues regarding the election of the substitute councilor and a petition to force a special election. Summer is time where most people take vacations and don't pay much attention. All these factors seem to be in favor of your unanimous desire to approve Maxwell proposal no matter what

I'm hereby joining the voices of all those who are in favor of the reasonable and well-thought Bauer proposal, and I do hope that you (except one) were elected to listen to the community voices and to weigh all the aspects of an issue with such long-term and irreparable consequences for UH instead of rushing to a decision that may burden your conscience for ever.

Respectfully,

ZLATKO ANGUELOV

From:

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Monday, August 09, 2010

Dear Louise, Pat, and Stan,

I am unable to attend the meeting Tuesday night.

Please make my comments public to the group.

I oppose the Maxwell development of the St. Andrew's property. It will potentially overload Melrose Avenue and other University Heights roadways at the busiest commuting times of the day.

I oppose the filling in of the ravine bordering the

St. Andrew's property. The homeowners nearby deserve better from us, as does the wildlife that will be displaced.

I support "reasonable and workable alternatives to the Maxwell development plan," as noted in paragraph 9 in the blue flier, entitled "Friends of University Heights."

Thank you again for your tireless efforts and good works.

**Regards,
Sue Bruell**

124 Koser Avenue

FW: Maxwell Proposal

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From:

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[UH City Council Members: For your information....Roger Tracy](#)

From: Tracy, Roger

Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 12:18 PM

To: 'louise-from@university-heights.org'

Subject: Maxwell Proposal

Mayor From :

Jinx Tracy and I favor the Bauer proposal as endorsed by the Zoning Commission on a 4 to 1 vote at its most recent meeting. We and the other owners on Birkdale summarily reject the Maxwell proposal. We encourage you and the other council members to listen to the Zoning commission's advice and pay attention to the wishes of your constituents.

Roger and Jinx Tracy

105 Birkdale Ct.

Rezoning

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Cc: louise-from@university-heights.org

09 August 2010

Dear City Council Members:

RE: REZONING DECISION FOR THE SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY

Tomorrow evening's Council Meeting is an extremely important event for making the right decision that offers the opportunity for compromise that will provide and meet the needs of all University Heights citizens.

We believe that compromise is the key word in making the right decision.

We believe the Bauer compromise proposal offers more favorable aspects than that of the Maxwell proposal because it:

1. is a better fit for the U Heights Comprehensive Plan
2. complies with the recommendation of the Zoning Commission
3. eliminates the commercial development with unfavorable aspects and unknowns
4. allows for appropriate tax growth that more than adequately meets U Heights needs
5. keeps the same traffic flow and offers less increased traffic
6. maintains more green space especially the ravine, thus protecting the existing types of wild life

7. supports many who previously expressed their thoughts and ideas

Some citizens desired the commercial development for access to those services already (or about to be) offered by existing establishments. Some live near the building soon to be the Kaeding restaurant and some live not too far from Fareway and other businesses. University Hospital offers several places for coffee and refreshments as well as dining.

Both the Maxwell and Bauer proposals were presented at the Zoning Commission meeting on the 15th of July, 2010. Near the end of that meeting, Mr. Maxwell delivered an emotional speech identifying his willingness to work on a compromise. He, in fact, said he was going to go home and begin work that very evening. He also expressed a willingness to meet with some of the attendees to get ideas from them.

If members of the Council attended that meeting as well as the following Zoning Commission meeting on the 22nd of July, 2010, they most certainly must have been as dismayed as the rest of us. In responding to Mr. Zimmerman's questions, Mr. Maxwell had no compromises to offer or plans to do so.

Many of us would like to see Saint Andrew remain but have been willing to consider an alternative by supporting the Bauer proposal.

We trust the Council members will show their willingness to compromise as well and support the Bauer proposal. We submit our thanks to the Council for careful and thoughtful consideration.

Robert and Della Ruppert

314 Koser Avenue

Phone: 338-4811

City Council work session

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From:

"Fritts, Lawrence N" <lawrencefritts@uiowa.edu>

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View Contact

To: Patricia Yeggy <patbirk@yahoo.com>

Dear Ms. Yeggy,

I attended the work session last night. I am sorry that I was not able to hear everything you said. I hope you will try to speak up a little more loudly, as it is difficult to understand a person's conversational speaking voice from the seats in the hall.

You mentioned something about our founding fathers' observation that from University Heights, one can see several miles around. I am not sure why that is important to the

matter at hand. If it means that this view can be seen from the 6-story building, I am not sure how that benefits the citizens of our town. I was also puzzled at your statement that our town consists of 4 smaller towns with in it. I have never heard anyone make such a claim about any town under any circumstances. It seemed to be a weak rationale for building a high-density, multi-use development that ostensibly has a negative impact on only 1 of the 4 towns. This seems a very odd thing to say, especially since residents in all

parts of our town are so strongly opposed to the Maxwell plan. How does the concept of 4 towns lessen the impact of this development on the citizens from all parts of University Heights? Putting forth of these issues as ways of strengthening the argument for the Maxwell plan seems as if grasping at straws. I would like to know, instead, how this development helps our town in more concrete ways, such as increasing tax revenues and

how you would propose to use that money?

I am glad that you brought up the issue of flipping. However, Maxwell's answer was unsatisfactory on its own. If he did plan on flipping the property, wouldn't he give the same answer? Surely, if he intended to flip the property, his proposal would have unanimously been denied. I ask you, and the other council members, to look into his background to see if he has flipped other properties and what impact that had on the neighbors.

I appreciate your service to University Heights.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Fritts

114 Highland Drive