PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed application. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice will be sent.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
 and;
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
 is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

Note: any comments received will become part of the public record of this case

City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.austintexas.gov/development.

Or scan and email to leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

Austin, TX 78767-1088 Or fax to (512) 974-2934 Leane Heldenfels P. O. Box 1088

Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice. All comments received will become part of the public record of the case.

Heldenfels, Leane

From:

Stephanie Amack @@mail.tomp

Sent:

Sunday, August 10, 2014 3:57 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Subject:

Case Number: C15-2014-0108, 2100 East 14th

Attachments:

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Hi Leane,

My name is Stephanie Amack and I live at 2201 E. 14th St. I am contacting you about case # C15-2014-0108, 2100 E. 14th which has a public hearing on August 11th, 2014 which I will not be able to attend.

I would like to preface my comments with some background information about myself and how I feel about my neighborhood. I have lived in Austin for 12 years, I have lived on the east side for 6 years and I bought my house 4 years ago. I fell in love with the east side's character which includes the cute bungalow houses, which is what I currently live in.

My house is less than 1000 square feet as was the one that was next to me, until it was bulldozed down to make room for TWO new houses. My neighbor, Miss Liz, died a year and a half ago. After she passed, I had many conversations with her children about what was to happen with the house. They said that with the property taxes, they could no longer afford to live there and sold the house. It was quickly bought by a developer and torn down. I went to the public hearing for the house; this was my first public hearing and I didn't realize that one had to stand up and articulate why one is for or against the proposed development so I actually didn't say anything. I wish I would have.

The house next door is a monstrosity. I have talked to Miss Jessica who lives on the other side of what was Miss Liz's house. We were both appalled when we saw the developer's plans for the lot. We both wondered how they could even fit a house that size onto that lot. Well, we know now that their plan was to build the house as close as legally possible to both of our fence lines. The second story looks into my bathroom (picture attached) and into my bedroom. Any sense of privacy that I had in my home feels as though it's gone.

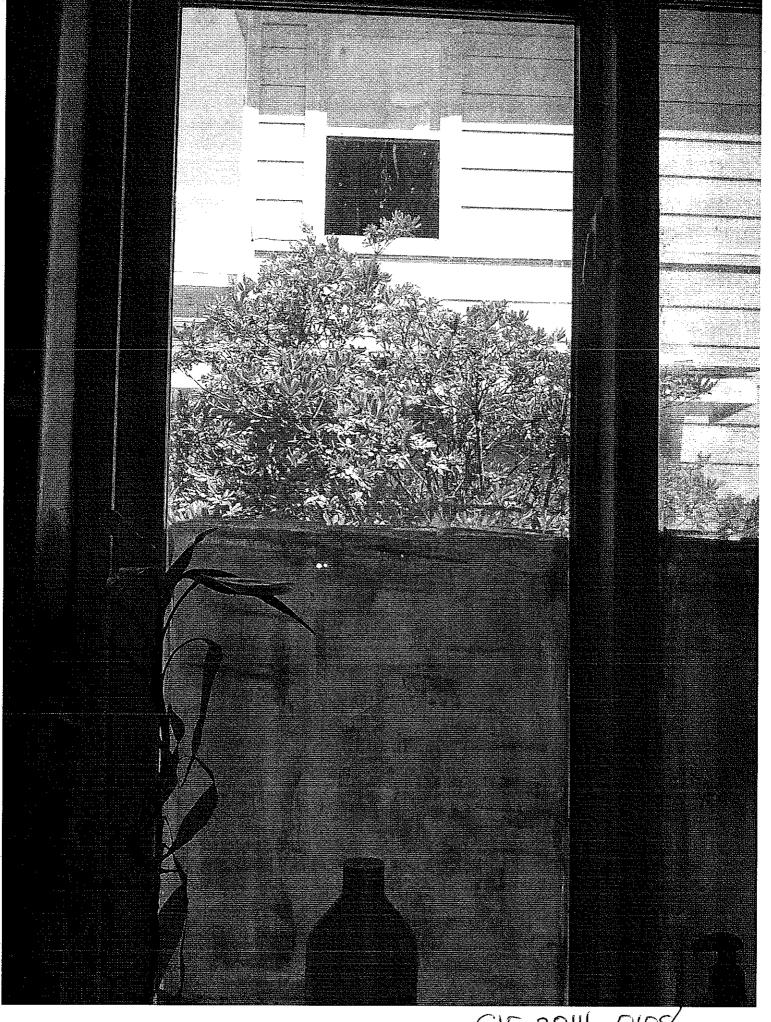
The house on 2100 E. 14th St. is proposed to be torn down and a house TWICE the size is proposed to be placed on it. I feel that this type of development solidifies the idea in developer's minds that they can do whatever they want. What about the historical "look" of this neighborhood? Houses on this side of town are typically less than 1000 square feet. And, it shows that as long as they throw money at the planning board, they can build houses as large as they want with no regard for the neighborhood. People like Miss Liz and Miss Jessica have lived on this side of town before I was born. It is not changing at a sustainable pace; it is changing so rapidly that we feel as though our privacy has been taken away from us. (Don't even get Miss Jessica started on the 3 story building that was build across of the alley from her home; it looks straight into her yard though she has a fence; a fence placed for her privacy).

I can't even count the amount of letters I have received about variances and tear downs. I have written in against one request for a variance on 13th St. I never received any confirmation that my comments were received. I went to the public hearing about the house next door though I made no comments since I was unsure how the hearing were conducted. This time I wanted to contact the case manager directly to give you a glimpse of how these developments have changed a neighborhood; one that I moved into years ago because of its quaint character... One the is being erased one bulldozer at a time.

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Needless to say. I am against the request to increase the maximum size of a second dwelling from 850 square feet to 1,650 square feet at 2100 E. 14th St. for all of the above reasons.

Thank you for your time, Stephanie Amack 2201 E. 14th St.



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