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Dear Commissioners,

I live around the corner from 512 E. Monroe and am writing in opposition to the demolition of 512 E. Monroe Street. It is part of the few remaining homes built by Fred Malone, the builder of the span of bungalows that once filled the 500 block of Monroe. Those houses had a rhythm along the streetscape leading to Stacy Park and the scenic historic bridge, that is quickly being lost. This is a truly classic Craftsman-style bungalow with high integrity. It would be a shame to destroy when it could be restored to its original beauty. It appears to extend deep into its lot and could even be remodeled to include a 2-story addition on the back. As someone who's restored two houses easily considered "teardowns," I find it so sad that so many builders can't see the potential here.

You already granted a demolition permit for the modest duplex on Monroe across the bridge, allowing new construction that does not respect the character of this part of the district. Because this application hasn't shown any plans for the future design, I can only assume the new construction will not consider the design guidelines for a National Register district. Please encourage restoration and remodeling that doesn't impact the precious remaining streetscape. Moving it would also be heartbreaking--another page ripped out of our story.

Thank you,

Melanie Martinez

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