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Dear Kalan,

I am president emeritus of Eastwoods Neighborhood Association and just received notification from the city (five letters) of the application for a demolition permit for the house at 701 Sparks Ave. Our association is quite small but we have several historic landmarks here and we have discussed the possibility of a local historic district. We are handicapped by the loss of several leaders who have died in the past year or two, and we don't have the human resources to do the kind of research that we would need to obtain the district designation. However, we believe that this particular house is key to our work. It is among several Spanish Revival stucco houses that were built in a cluster that we think should be recognized and preserved.

The house was bought from the estate by a person who has numerous rental properties in our neighborhood, some of which he has built additions to and enlarged them beyond the legal limits. He is accustomed to opposition from the neighbors to his various plans (although I haven't had any disagreements with him), so I have not reached out to him personally.

Due to the short time line I hope that the item could be postponed to give us a chance to see what we can do to demonstrate the eligibility of the house for historic designation.

Sincerely,
Linda Team

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