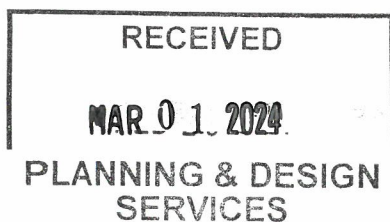


Thursday, February 29, 2024

Petition

To humbly request the saving of the house on 1405 Rufer Ave.

- Hello, My name is William Ransdell. My family has lived on 1418 Rufer Ave since 1969. I have lived at 1410 Rufer Ave since 1987. When I first saw the notice on 1405 Rufer Ave being slated for demolishing, I was shocked. I thought to myself what's wrong with the house. It looks just fine. I've personally have been in this house quite a few times, known most of the occupants. that were in that home for over 50 years. All friends and neighbors.
- Throughout the years the home was owned by the Lichtefelds. When the granddaughter sold the property, it changed hands once or twice before the current owner. I knew it had been renovated a few years ago. This home has a strong structure, I don't understand the reason for its demise. It is a very nice home. To look at that home for decades and to know it will soon gone is disheartening.
- I understand Mr. Bryan wants to have 2 home's built on the property. I just have 2 questions. (1) Why not move 1405 over enough to give plenty of room for new home? There have been larger homes moved in the neighborhood in the past. This would save the home and be cost effective. (2) Should the worst case scenario come to pass, i.e. the home is destroyed. Will the new structures be single family dwellings and will their design blend in with the neighborhood, or will they be "modern" and look as awkward and out of place as those new ones built on Ellison Ave.
- I pray that Mr. Bryan will decide to move the home over. This is the first time in my 50+ years, someone has bought a home and immediately want to destroy it for another structure with inferior materials. This also will put stress on already cramped parking. Everyone in the past has remodeled their homes they purchased. Truth of the matter is a house that is 124 years old should be considered "historical" and not be destroyed. It should be restored to it's original glory, and be a statement and example for future homeowners.



Thank You

William C. Ransdell
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