

Calling All Flamingo's!!! Spanish Town is in trouble! WE ARE GONNA NEED YOUR HELP.

Here is the deal.

Richard Preis and David Slaughter are threatening to demolish seven historic homes along State Capital Drive and Seventh Street and put up high-rise apartments in our neighborhood. Spanish Town is a designated historic district and protected as such under the law.

Instead of listening to folks in the neighborhood and heeding the advice of the Historic Spanish Town Civic Association –all of whom encouraged development of the property as long as it was within the historic district guidelines– Richard Preis and David Slaughter are pressing to get the property rezoned from A4 to A5.

This zoning change will give them free reign to slap up any high-rise they want regardless of the historic guidelines that the neighborhood and the Metro Council worked tirelessly to approve and enact.

The owner of the property, Richard Preis, knew the zoning restrictions when he bought the property. The developer knew this was a historic district when he chose to pursue design plans in flagrant violation of historic district guidelines.

Again, we are not opposed to development or developers. They must, however, adhere to the binding historic district guidelines and build something consistent with the existing, legally protected, neighborhood.

Based on the current proposal, it appears that Richard Preis and David Slaughter are operating under the misguided impression that the neighborhood, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Metro Council will just roll over in the name of "development".

They are wrong. Legally and ethically, they are Wrong.Wrong. Wrong. Moreover, we will not sit idly by while they try to ignore legal precedent and flagrantly ignore those who avidly support this beautiful community.

Trust me. Hell Hath No Fury Like a Flamingo Scorned. So get ready to ruffle those feathers because we are in for a flocking fight.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1) INBOX BLITZ:

Simply copy and past the email posted below from your own email account and click send. You can literally do it in under a minute flat.

You do not have to be a Spanish Town resident to send an email. Anyone and everyone can send emails on our behalf. THE MORE EMAILS THE BETTER.

2) PUT PEN TO PETITION:

There will be a petition posted at Capital Grocery. Or you can sign online at <http://www.ipetitions.com/>

[petition/spanishtown/](#)

ONLY SIGN THE PETITION ONCE

3) SHOW UP IN PINK:

Come to the Planning and Zoning meeting on Monday June 22 at 5 pm. SHOW UP IN PINK!

WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP OUT!!! Rally all of the righteous indignation you can muster. Invite all the Spanish Town supporters you can think of to join this group, email Mayor Holden, Councilwoman Wicker and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Re-post everything on this page widely!!!

COPY AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL

Copy the following addresses in the TO Box:

planning@brgov.com, mayor@brgov.com, council-dist10@brgov.com,

Copy this in the Subject Box:

Rezoning Spanish Town is Neither Productive Nor Sustainable

Copy The following Into The Body (don't forget to type in your name state and your Spanish Town Affiliation as either: Spanish Town Resident, Former Spanish Town Resident or Spanish Town Advocate)

Dear Mayor Holden, Councilwoman Wicker and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I strongly oppose David Slaughter and Richard Pries' proposed rezoning and subsequent development of high-rise, high density apartments in Spanish Town for the following reasons:

1) The proposed building does not conform with Historic District Guidelines and would be in shocking contrast to the current historic Spanish Town buildings (see pg 32 <http://brgov.com/Dept/planning/historic/pdf/Spanish%20Town%20Final.pdf>)

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2) The current zoning does not permit such a structure to be built and rezoning this property would negate the Historic District designation and guideline

passed by the Metro Council

3)The project demands the destruction of seven historic homes in a neighborhood beset by development pressures and other encroachment on all sides

4) The project will add over 200 new residents and create additional traffic and parking problems and aggravate the already stressed narrow streets of Spanish Town;

5) The Historic Spanish Town Civic Association, owners, residents overwhelmingly oppose the rezoning and proposed building.

Richard Preis knew the zoning standards when he bought the property. I have no objection to working with the developers on a project under current zoning and historic district guidelines. The proposed project does not meet the character of the existing neighborhood nor does it meet the legal requirements for new construction that were approved by the neighborhood, the Historic Spanish Town Civic Association and the Metro Council.

I trust, as elected representatives, you will continue to be stalwart advocates for your constituents and unequivocally oppose the Slaughter/Preis zoning change.

I also look forward to hearing your enthusiastic agreement at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on June 22nd.