

August 28, 2018

City of Columbia
Community Development Department

Re: Case # 18-160 West Ash Downzoning #2

This letter is to voice our support for the downzoning request from R2 to R1. We are the owners of 21 Aldeah which is included in the list of addresses for this request.

Our daughter purchased 21 Aldeah in 2009 and lived there until about 2013. We helped here renovate the house before moving in. Later, we purchased the house from our daughter and have kept it as a rental property for about the last 5 years. We rent to a friend that really enjoys and appreciates the character of the neighborhood.

We have worked hard to keep the property in good condition and intend to keep doing so. Home values have appreciated in the area, but we plan on hanging on to 21 Aldeah for the long term.

Our main points in support of the downzoning request are as follows:

- 1. Less density of residents could help improve the following existing issues*
 - a. Water back ups into basements from the storm sewer system.*
 - b. Congested parking on the streets.*
- 2. R1 zoning would be supportive of the "historic" nature of this neighborhood and property values for current single family residents.*

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Tonda March <tmarchare@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 7:56 PM

To: brian page

Subject: testimony re: 103 Bicknell St.

I've lived at 103 Bicknell for 30 years. A widow, Mrs. Roselle, lived in this home from the time it was built in the mid-forties until the time of her death in the eighties. After that, the house was rented out for a short time to groups of unrelated individuals, as the woodwork still shows! I bought it a few years later and once again it became a single-family home.

When I moved in, the neighborhood was populated by quite a few elderly people, as well as some young families, of which my family was one. My children grew up in this home and my grandchildren visit me here now. I am now one of the older people in the neighborhood, and it's a pleasure to see a new generation of younger families moving in.

This neighborhood has a special character and is precious to me. I know most of my neighbors, many of whom are also long-time residents.

A few years ago, I became unexpectedly disabled due to a car accident. As a result, it is especially important to me that the neighborhood retain its unique character. I hope to be here for a couple more decades, but when I do have to move to assisted living, I sincerely hope that 103 Bicknell will provide a new family with a well-maintained and beloved home.

-Tonda March

I am Kay Foley and I live at 409 W. Walnut.

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As a newly divorced mother of three, I bought my home at 409 W. Walnut in 1990. I loved the house for its big yard, mature walnut trees and the creek running along the east side. I knew this would be a place my boys would love to play – and it was. I had my eyes on this very house for several years, as I had two friends who lived in the area and had seen the house when visiting them.

I was able to make an offer on it the day the realtor put the sign up, because my friends were watching it for me. Both of them had kids my kids' ages. Now all of our kids are grown up and have gone elsewhere. Young families have gotten their start here and there is a core of us who have been here for many years, simply because we love our quiet little neighborhood.. Lots of single women own modest but charming homes here, and we treasure them. We know each other and help each other out as needed.

One winter, when the City did not get to our street with snow plows, several of us got out there and shoveled the street ourselves! I would love for other single homeowners and young families to experience the neighborhood as I have.

So I am very much in favor of downzoning this area to R-1.

Kay Foley