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Subject: 807 Pepper Ave. Special Use Permit

I would like to object to the granting of a special use permit for 807 Pepper Avenue.

I understand the owner wants to rent the existing house and build one squeezed in next to it. That was done down the street a few years ago, much to the unhappiness of neighbors, only to sit empty part of the time. My complaints are:

1) We don't need another rental home on this block - those of us who bought homes here have watched people come and go constantly and we have put up with frequent parties, unkempt homes and yards, and most frequently drugs being dealt out of the home 2 doors down from this proposed special use property, and squatters living in it.

2) Parking issues - that is an existing problem and the person requesting this special use permit says he will have off street parking for each home for at least one car. But he has at least 2 cars himself, and I'm sure whoever rents the other house will have more than one car also. So where do those extra cars park??

3) Traffic - a HUGE problem on Pepper. Another house just adds more traffic - we already have problems with St. Christophers lower school traffic just a few doors down and U of R people and others using Pepper as a cut-through. Sometimes we can't get out of our driveways because of the traffic. Pepper is an extremely narrow street and we have no sidewalks so taking a walk, walking our children and dogs, and the people walking to synagogue pretty much take their lives in their hands going down Pepper (with most cars going well over the speed limit too). We need to diminish the number of cars using our street, not add to it.

4) Most of my neighbors bought homes here because it is in the city, which we like, but an area not crammed in too close like the Fan or Church Hill is. These special use grants are cramming us in like we tried to avoid when we purchased our homes. I know how upset the next door neighbors are about a house being practically built on top of them - and rightfully so. Our district requires 60 feet of minimum width for each single family detached dwelling FOR A REASON! NOT 50 FEET!!

I was told that there were no objections to this request by either the merchants or civic associations, but I have to ask - do any of you actually LIVE on Pepper Avenue?

Please do not grant this permit. The only reason I can see for the person requesting it is to profit from rental income, to the detriment of all his neighbors for the reasons stated above.

Thank you,
Susan Glisson
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