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To: <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Date: 9/2/2009 9:44:45 PM

Subject: Use on Review 9-A-09-UR (Ronald L. Morton) Item #42

Dear MPC,

I am a resident of Beech Grove Springs subdivision. I oppose the zoning change proposed for the property at 6602 Northshore Drive. It is the MPC Use on Review item #42: file number 9-A-09-UR (Ronald L. Morton), South side of S. Northshore Dr., west side of Duncan Rd. Proposed use: Home occupation for internet marketing in R-1 (Low Density Residential) District. Council District 2. T here are no other businesses located in our neighborhood. I am concerned that changing the zoning designation of this residential home will set a precedent for our peaceful community, rapidly turning many houses into businesses. This zoning change may lead to a loss in property values, something we cannot afford especially in this economic climate.

It seems that this home has been used for some time for business as there are several cars there during the day and none at night. There are so many places that are vacant to rent in business complexes that it seems crazy to make a residental home a business. Please keep this from happening.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sandi Banister 6705 Crystal Cove Way Knoxville, TN 37919 865-584-4104 From: Lynn Charles < lscharlestn@yahoo.com>

To:
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Date: 9/2/2009 9:44:15 PM

Subject: MPC use on review of house on Northshore

Dear Madam,

I live near the house on 6602 Northshore that is under review for MPC Use.

It is #42, file #9-A-09-UR.

I am opposed to it being used for business purposes.

There are plenty of empty stores in nearby strip malls.

Lynn Charles

From: Carra Eggers
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To: <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.com>, <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Date: 9/2/2009 9:07:31 PM

Subject: Item # 42 on Agenda for 09/10/09

I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the rezoning request to allow a home occupation in a residential area. The area at and around the Northshore/Duncan Road is reasonably safe and quite residential area occupied by many families with children. It is a great place to live and raise a family. These are some of the qualities which caused me to purchase my home in Beech Grove Springs in March of 2009. The area also seems to hold it's market values better than many other areas of the city.

Encroaching upon this residential area with business interests detracts from the aforementioned qualities of the neighborhood. It is not for a lack of existing areas zoned for business activity that Mr. Morton seeks a zoning variance. A quick drive down Northshore and Kingston Pike will show numerous vacant spaces available. As a resident of Beech Groove Springs, I'd like to voice my opposition to this request for a variance in zoning.

Carra Witt Eggers 6706 Fern Meadow Way Knoxville TN 37919 865-621-3094 From: Betty Jo Mahan

To: Dan Kelly

Subject: Use on Review Re: Ronald L. Morton

From: Lawson, Byron

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 2:01 PM

To: 'bettyjomahan@knoxmpc.org'

Subject: Use on Review Re: Ronald L. Morton

This email is to publicly oppose the request by Mr. Ronald L. Morton to allow him to run an internet business at the house he owns on the southwest corner of Duncan Road and Northshore Drive. Per item # 42 on the preliminary agenda for the September 10th, 2009 meeting, Mr. Morton has proposed change in the use of this dwelling from residential to home occupation for internet marketing.

I live at 6709 Fern Meadow Way, Knoxville, TN 37919 in Beech Grove Springs sub-division and pass by this dwelling every time I leave and return to my house. This property is only about ¼ mile from my house. It is my contention that the owner (I assume it is Mr. Morton)of this property bought this property about a year or so ago and fixed up the small house and yard. However, instead of living in this house, he began running a business out of this house without the prior proper zoning approval. Ever since he acquired this house, there has almost always been 3 or 4 cars in the driveway during the day and no cars in the driveway at night. Furthermore, whenever there are no employees at the house, blinds cover every window in the house so no one can see inside the house. It has been obvious to me that someone was running a business out of the house.

It is my understanding from a conversation I had with Mr. Buz Johnson at the MPC that if the MPC approves this request that (1) the owner must live in the house (2) the home owner can have no more than one employee, and (3) that no more than 25% of the house can be allocated to the business and this is a very small house. I contend that the owner has already violated these 3 conditions without seeking MPC approval and do not believe (1) he is going to live in this small house(2) only have 1 employee, and (3) only use 25% of the house to run his business. Otherwise, he would have made this request to the MPC when he purchased the property.

I am opposed to this request by Mr. Morton because I believe it can have a negative effect on property values and it would set a precedent that might allow others in the area to make similar requests to run businesses out of their houses. This area is very much a residential part of Knoxville and I don't want businesses to encroach on our neighborhoods. Businesses may bring additional traffic, create safety concerns with so many children in the area, and possibly allow other people to have home businesses that would cause visual eyesores, i.e. landscaping companies, car repair companies, small construction companies that store equipment and materials outside, etc. Again, all of these issues may have a negative impact on property values. I very much want this area to stay strictly residential and feel that the owner of this house is now asking for forgiveness instead of permission instead of asking for permission a year or so ago before he began working out of this house.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and opinions regarding this "use on review"

issue.

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Date: 9/3/2009 9:12:45 AM

Subject: Ronald L. Morton Item # 42 on Agenda for 09/10/09

Proposed Use: Home occupation for internet marketing in R-1 (low density residential) District. Council District 2.

I live in the Crystal Lake Subdivision near the subject property. My concern is that nothing be approved which would jeopardize the R-1 zoning for houses along Northshore in this area. Therefore, I am asking that the Board require strict proof that the requirements of Section 12(A)(1) and (2) have been met before considering this request. For a home office in R-1, Section 12(A)(1) requires that the property be used principally for a dwelling and (2) prohibits more than one non-resident from coming to the property for business purposes.

Thank you.

Stephen A. McSween

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To: <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Date: 9/2/2009 9:44:15 PM

Subject: Item #42 on Agenda for 09/10/09 MPC Agenda

Regarding Applicant Ronald L. Morton Applicant

Proposed Use: Home occupation for internet marketing in R-1 District

To Whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Beech Grove Springs subdivision which is less than 50 yards from the applicants property. My home address is 6818 Crystal View Way, Knoxville, TN. The applicant wishes to run a business out of the house at the corner of Northshore Drive and Duncan Rd. I would like to express my opposition to the approval of this use. This is definitely in the middle of an area that is exclusively residential neighborhoods. As a commercial real estate broker by profession, I can testify that there is absolutely no reason why this use should be approved in this area. There is a multitude of vacant commercial office and retail space within 1-3 miles of this particular location within properly zoned office parks and retail centers. Literally tens of thousands of square feet are available in that radius. Vacancy is high, rental rates are low. Neighborhoods in general and certainly those surrounding this location, should be preserved. I cannot fathom of a single reason that this use should be approved, and I am usually a strong advocate for commercial uses. However, in this particular case, the only reason I can imagine is that the business has been operating there without the appropriate zoning for some time, and they do not want to move. If that is the case, the use should be disapproved. If that is not the case, there is no reason for approval and it should be disapproved. Again, if there was a commercially viable rational for this location, I would not be in opposition. There is no such rational. That is both my personal and professional opinion. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Joe E. Petre President Conversion Properties, Inc.

Senior Advisor Sperry Van Ness/R. M. Moore, LLC

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From: <eysals@comcast.net>

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Date: 9/2/2009 2:32:14 PM

Subject: item #42 on agenda 9/10/09

I am*emailing to oppose item # 42 on the agenda for 9/10/09. The proposed use: home occupation for internet marketing in R-1 District council district 2. We would like this property to stay

a residence and not be considered a business.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Salsbery

From: "Herbert Slatery" <hslatery@bellsouth.net>

To: <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Date: 9/2/2009 10:10:46 PM **Subject:** MPC Use On Review

Re: Ronald L. Morton Item #42 on Agenda for 09/10/09 Proposed Use: Home occupation for internet marketing in R-1 (low density residential) District. Council District 2.

We are homeowners at 6822 Crystal View Way in the neighborhood of Northshore Drive, Duncan Road and Crystal Lake Drive. We are very opposed to changing Mr. Morton's property from R-1 to "home occupation for internet marketing in a R-1 district."

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Slatery III 6822 Crystal View Way 37919 **From:** susie seymour < susieseymour@hotmail.com>

To: <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.com>, <bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org>

Date: 9/2/2009 7:40:47 PM

Subject: Use on Review 9-A-09-UR (Ronald L. Morton) Item #42

Dear MPC:

I oppose the proposed zoning change for the property at 6602 Northshore Drive, located just outside our Beech Grove Springs subdivision.

It is the MPC Use on Review item #42: file number 9-A-09-UR (Ronald L. Morton), South side of S. Northshore Dr., west side of Duncan Rd. Proposed use: Home occupation for internet marketing in R-1 (Low Density Residential) District. Council District 2.

Currently, there are no other businesses located in our neighborhood. I am concerned that changing the zoning designation of this residential home will set a precedent for our peaceful community, rapidly turning many houses into businesses.

This zoning change may lead to a loss in property values, something we cannot afford especially in this economic climate.

Further, it's apparent that this house has already been used as a business for some time, possibly a year or more. I drive by this location numerous times during the day/night, and frequently see 5 or more cars parked in the driveway/front yard during the day, yet not one car is present in the evening or overnight.

With so many vacant Bearden and Rocky Hill store fronts within close proximity to 6602 Northshore Drive, I see no reason to create a business district in our residential community. I implore you, please do not allow this to happen to our neighborhood.

Thank you,

Susie Seymour 6713 Fern Meadow Way Knoxville, TN 37919 (865) 584-6885

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