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Fwd: Comments on File Number: 4-D-12-RZ; Meeting scheduled April 12.

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Wed, Apr 11, 2012 at 8:04 AM

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From: **Christine** <clgriffin2008@att.net>

Date: Tue, Apr 10, 2012 at 8:56 PM

Subject: Comments on File Number: 4-D-12-RZ; Meeting scheduled April 12.

To: contact@knoxmpc.org

Dear MPC Commissioner:

I am writing in support of the requested zoning change from R-2 to R-1 for our neighborhood which is called Historic Sutherland Heights. We are a small neighborhood of 139 homes. These houses were built all at once at the end of WWII and are some of the first pre-fab FHA houses built in Knoxville. All of the original homes are all still here-- single family homes except for one which was attractively turned into a duplex. We want to keep it that way.

This is a compact neighborhood : two sides border the Third Creek Greenway (with beautiful views) and one side borders West High School. One side borders Sutherland Ave.

We have organized a neighborhood association and are in the process of establishing a Neighborhood

Watch program as well. We keep our eyes open to protect and assist the kids walking down our streets to West High. We alert the staff at West High when we see (or hear) anything disturbing-- like

gun shots or drug activity. It's our opinion that the neighborhood will be more stable if it remains one-family homes. We don't want to see any of these homes bulldozed for an apartment house.

We have something unique to offer Knoxville: A fabulous location; homes that are affordable and large enough for couples, college kids, small families and elderly folks. R-1 zoning would protect this and prevent changes to this historic neighborhood.

Christine Griffin, Resident for 25 years
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Fwd: Sutherland Heights needs R-1 Zoning

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From: **Bob H Grimal** <grimal@discoveret.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 10, 2012 at 10:33 PM
Subject: Sutherland Heights needs R-1 Zoning
To: contact@knoxmpc.org

Please approve this zoning change for our historic neighborhood. We have a great little neighborhood and we want to preserve it as such. Our file # is 4-D-12-R2.

Thank you for your help in this matter.
Bob Grimal, 3961 Greenleaf Ave. Knoxville, TN 37919



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Fwd: Rezoning for Historic Sutherland Heights

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From: **Marlene Taylor** <taylor8246@bellsouth.net>

Date: Tue, Apr 10, 2012 at 10:14 PM

Subject: Rezoning for Historic Sutherland Heights

To: contact@knoxmpc.org

Dear Metropolitan Planning Commissioners:

I have been a home owner and resident in the Historic Sutherland Heights (HSH) neighborhood since 1996. The MPC will be voting on the rezoning of HCH this Thursday. I respectfully urge you to rezone HSH to R1 status. I believe the secretary/treasurer of our neighborhood association (Christine Griffith) has provided you with some information about HSH so I won't repeat what she has said.

I will stress that I went door-to-door throughout the entire neighborhood to collect signatures for the petition to rezone, which you have in your possession. What those signatures don't divulge is the desire these people expressed to me to live in a safe, crime-free, clean, and tidy neighborhood. Several have lived here since the late 1940s or 1950s and remember it as a perfectly fine middle-class neighborhood. The age and history of our homes in and of themselves warrant city protection with proper zoning.

Those I talked to also expressed their fear and belief that crime was just a stone's throw away. They have great hopes that HSH would not become a casualty of indifference and neglect but blossom as a peaceful, decent place to live and raise a family. A place where neighbors know and care about each other. Just as it was when it was first established. We believe having R1 status is just the first step to achieving a great neighborhood, but a very important step.

I hope you will vote in favor of preserving HSH as a single-family dwelling neighborhood -- for the residents and for the benefits to the city.

Regards,

Marlene Taylor
Vice-president, HSH Neighborhood Association