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To: Zoning Code Rewrite Committee

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From: John Coleman and Peter Wolff, for the Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA)

We have two concerns we would like to bring to the attention of the committee. First, the MNA Preservation and Development Committee has been reviewing the preliminary draft of the consultant's proposal for zoning of mixed-use areas in traditional neighborhoods, particularly as it applies to Williamson Street. We have found a number of instances in which the relevant zoning code description differs significantly from both our neighborhood plans and BUILD plans that were developed with neighborhood participation and have been approved and adopted by the City.

On January 27th we will be meeting with the consultant, along with City Planning staff, to discuss our specific case, as well as the more general question of how the new zoning code will interact with existing neighborhood plans and other planning documents, such as BUILD plans to insure that the information in these plans is preserved in the planning and development process of the city, and what role the zoning code should play in this effort. We assume you will agree that this is an important concern, and hope you will support our efforts to deal with this issue.

Second, in our initial discussions with the committee and city staff concerning adequate opportunity for neighborhood input into the rewrite process, it appeared that there would be a two month period at the end of each of the two major phases of the process that would be available as a public review period prior to the sending of drafts to the City Council for referral to City committees. While we understand that a number of delays in the process have eaten significantly into this potential review time, we still think that some period of public review before the official approval process begins is important. Rick Roll has informed us that he is trying to find a way to include a reasonable review period, and we ask for your support in this effort.

Thank you,

John Coleman, Peter Wolff, for the Marquette Neighborhood Association