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September 22, 2020

Bill Dermody
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Dear Bill:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council, I want to thank you for attending the board meeting last night to answer questions about the pending zoning application for an auto repair business at 744 3rd Street.

After much discussion and deliberation, the board decided to take no position on the application. While no position was taken, the board did share a number of concerns that I am relating to you here:

- General concerns about equity in the notification process. Specifically, notices are sent to landlords and homeowners, but not to renters, limiting renter awareness of proposed changes and limiting access for getting input from renters who are directly affected.
- Stacks of tires present an aesthetic challenge, are a fire hazard, and board members expressed concern about the safety of the proximity of the tires to the house next door.
- Whether the business will be held to the same standards for upkeep and property beautification as are its neighbors remains an unanswered question.
- The other concern is that an auto repair business should not be in a residential area, potential environmental impacts notwithstanding.

Thank you for bringing these concerns forward at the upcoming meeting. We look forward to learning of the outcome.

Lissa

Lissa Jones, Interim Executive Director

From: Sheila Fricke <smftcfanf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:14 PM
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Subject: 744 3rd street E, SW corner at Maple General auto repair/tire repair

We say NO to the general auto repair/tire repair.

The noise from loud tools.

Tires piled up or stored, a fire hazard.

Cars parked on street, the body shop was told not to park cars on street, they did.

This summer there was a food stand set up.

Even though the rules are set, in our neighborhood there are no rules.

You could argue, this building has been here for many years. On the flip side many businesses have been closed or demolished over the years do to council.

I do not want to spend my days calling the city complaint line and taking months to resolve another problem in our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Sheila, Sean Fricke

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