



East Hill Neighborhood Association

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To: Sherry Morris
Planning Director

Dear Ms. Morris,

Last night, at our regularly scheduled East Hill Neighborhood Association Board meeting, we brought up the matter of the City Council approving the vacation of right-of-way to individuals requesting the same.

We, the board members of the East Hill Neighborhood Association vehemently oppose any such action of the vacation of any right-of-way within the City of Pensacola but particularly within the boundaries of East Hill.

There are several reasons we oppose this action. This will set a very dangerous precedent for many individuals to come before the city in the future requesting this same action on their behalf. This will allow larger structures to be built much closer to the street thus disrupting our neighborhoods and the efforts we are undertaking to keep our structures historically accurate to their neighbor's properties in their immediate area as well as the larger community.

Also, this will remove sidewalks that we are again in favor of maintaining. We are actually, and have been for many years, looking for the City to start infilling these sidewalks. These sidewalks will in fact allow us to have a more walkable neighborhood that all urban planners have strongly suggested we move forward to achieve.

The last reason is the value of the real estate you would give to anyone to whom you vacate a right-of-way for. This is a sizeable value when you look at the cost of lots in East Hill.

East Hill Neighborhood Association is committed to making East Hill a better place to live. This includes adhering to recommendations for growing and cultivating a walkable, diverse, history-aware neighborhood. We ask, by delivery of this letter, that the Council take into account what the EHNA Board is voicing.

David Del Gallo
For the Board

CC: EHNA Board Members