

Folks,

I have agreed to be the registered opponent for the June 7th meeting relative to the property at 505 11th Avenue N.E. While each of you will have three minutes to make a personal statement relative to the development plans for that property, the DRC will be looking to me to make a presentation, which faithfully represents each of you and others in the neighborhood. I will be making a principal presentation. I will also have time to ask questions of any witnesses and finally, I will make a closing statement. I very much want to represent your thoughts, concerns, issues, and, hopefully, arguments based upon the city's LDRs (Land Development Rules). In order to accomplish this, I need several things from you.

**1. What questions do you have?** I anticipate the owner/developer will be a witness and possibly his agent (spokesperson). The city's Development Review staff will also make a presentation. If you have questions for these people please provide them to me ASAP. I want to ask questions which represent the collectivity of this immediate neighborhood.

**2. What points do you want me to make in my presentation?** You may be planning to make these points in your 3-minute presentation, but I still need to know what they are, in order to possibly incorporate them into my initial presentation or my closing statement. If you have an order of priority for your arguments or concerns, number them so that I can have a sense of what you think is important. If you cannot (working, for example) or do not want to make a personal statement, I want to know what you would have liked to say. Even if you do not make a statement, we still encourage you to fill out the blue speakers card they will have there and at least go to the podium, say your name, give your address, tell how long you have lived there, and, finally, indicate that you oppose the development plans. They do count the number of people who take a minute to object.

**3. Write your own letter/email objecting to the development plans.** It can be short and to the point, but they do count these communications and they make a difference. Even if you intend to be there, you should write your objection and the sooner you send them the better. They can be sent by email to Pamela Jones, the clerk for the DRC at [pamela.jones@stpete.org](mailto:pamela.jones@stpete.org).

Also send copies to: Mayor – [Mayor@stpete.org](mailto:Mayor@stpete.org)  
City Council – [Council@stpete.org](mailto:Council@stpete.org)  
Zoning official – [Elizabeth.Abernethy@stpete.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Abernethy@stpete.org)

**4. Please, please come to the hearing.** Bring something to read, because it can take a while before our matter is called. Remember, they will only listen to me (us) if they see a crowd of objectors behind me and making their own statements of objection.

**5. Prepare for the long duration.** While our full participation and vocal objections is important in this hearing, it will actually be the following hearing that will be most crucial. The word is that the Development staff will recommend that this project be denied. That does not mean that the project is dead. It may have to be down-sized. They may have to make the facade of the building conform more to the immediate neighborhood, in order to get the okay from the Development staff. That does not mean that we are going to accept a new design, if they are still trying to build too many units on that tiny lot. If this happens, we will have to come back to

confront a situation, where the developer then has the city's Development staff recommending the design. Remember this same city Development staff and this DRC approved the building of the 8 townhouses on two small lots (I think 426 11th Avenue). Take a look at the *faux* "cottage" facades that were pasted on, what are essential big block structures. This was approved by these people. We do not want more of the same at the 505 11th Avenue NE address.

I thank you in advance for participating in this project with me.

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