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I oppose demolishing this house for several reasons.

We are in a historic district. The district was created to realize the value in the housing stock as a whole, not any one house. You could argue that any one house here could be torn down because it is not significant enough in and of itself. I have a problem with Neighborhood House purchasing a property with the intent of demolishing it knowing that they were in the historical district and that this would be an issue. Saying we are stuck with a problem property now does not get them out of the fact that they bought it knowing what they were getting into with it.

I have a problem with removing a house from the tax rolls for the sake of a parking lot. There are several problems here. Yes the house is in disrepair and will be expensive to rehab. However, there were many houses in the neighborhood that were in much worse shape (Parker's and Martin's houses come to mind immediately) that have been bought and are being restored. There is an issue with safety for kids getting on and off buses here. That is an easy fix without adding a parking lot. Make the south side of the street directly in front of the drive no parking 7am- 7pm and require buses dropping off children to approach from 29th street. The bus drops children off at the sidewalk and can pull over there. This is a standart practice at every school in Milwaukee, having the kids dropped of with the bus lined up wioth the curb so they don't have to cross the street. There would only be the loss of 2 or 3 parking spots on the street. I don't see any benefit to a parking lot that outweighs the loss of a house. My house backs up right on Richardson. Do any of us really need to be cutting through here if the congestion is that bad? I usually cut through on Kilbourn and then over to State Street when I need to come through the neighborhood.

These two points are ones that I would put forth regardless of where I live. However, given that my bedroom window looks down at the corner of 28th and Richardson I am vehemently opposed to a parking lot there for another reason. It was brought up that the staff may be concerned about safety getting to their cars at night. This brings up a huge issue that I have with Neighborhood House. I have not seen them take any actions to do anything to address security here and that it is an issue for staff backs that up my observation. I have frequently seen large number of the older children around Neighborhood House when programs are releasing that are sound like fights are about to break out with no adult supervision from inside. I can't say that all of the kids are from the programs there, but at least a large number of them are. Having worked in MPS for years, I know that you need to provide supervision for children when they leave your building. I have seen problems going around the property all hours of the day and night, especially during summer hours when I am home from school and out in my yard. I have never seen any action from Neighborhood House to deal with anything going on or around their propey. This includes fights taking place on thier drive, kids knocking over trash cans, throwing rocks at the windows. I have made many many calls to the police over

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the years. When I first moved here, I tried calling Neighborhood House the same way that I would call any other neighbor when I saw a problem on their property. In 12 years I have never gotten a single response from them. I gave trying to call them after several years and just call the MPD now. At night when Neighborhood House is closed, the problems are worse. There is frequently more traffic on Richardson than on State St. late at night. I very firmly believe that if there is a parking lot there it will only increase all the problems already existing in the area as it will give people a secluded spot off the street where they can transact their business. There is nothing that Neighborhood House has done so far that would lead me to believe that they will take any action whatsoever to deal with that.

Amy T.

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