

## Elmer, Linda

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**From:** Jeff Bentoff <jeff@bentoff.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Elmer, Linda; Historic Preservation Commission  
**Cc:** Kovac, Nik  
**Subject:** Public Comment for HPC Meeting 8/12/21 Agenda Item 1 (210620) and Agenda Item 2 (210618)

Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing in support of Agenda Item 1 (**210620**) Resolution relating to the Temporary Historic Designation of the William Spence House Number 1 at 2275 N. Summit Avenue in the Third Aldermanic District, and Agenda Item 2 (**210618**) Resolution relating to the Temporary Historic Designation of the William Spence House Number 2 at 2279 N. Summit Avenue in the Third Aldermanic District.

I support these temporary designations because the homes in question, as well as other buildings on the west side of N. Summit Avenue from E. North Avenue to E. Lafayette Place, deserve careful review for possible inclusion into the North Point South historic district. This is based on their age, historical relevance and proximity to other historic homes in the existing district that begins across the street and continues further east.

Any historic district must be considered fragile, with the need for continual attention and vigilance from forces that ultimately could undermine protections in place and a district's integrity. Both the east and west sides of this stretch of Summit Avenue logically belong in the same district. Both sides have historical significance, and the inclusion of these homes protects them as well as adds to the district's strength.

HPC recently added three vacant parcels on N. Terrace Avenue to the North Point North district that were inadvertently left out of that district when it was created. New homes are being built on these properties, and thanks to the amended district boundaries, they properly fit into the fabric of the historic neighborhood.

In this case, two historic homes already exist on the parcels in question. I urge the commission to temporarily designate the properties for the benefit of preserving them and adding to the integrity of the adjacent district.

Also, it appears that the owner of the two homes is trying to damage them to the point that demolition would be necessary in attempt to evade potential designation. I would ask that HPC seek an order preventing any such work from happening.

Should the buildings be torn down, I would recommend that the parcels even without structures still be included in the district so that any new construction would fall under guidelines of the North Point South historic district and be compatible with an historic district.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Stephanie Van Alyea <sfvaquirk@gmail.com>  
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Resolutions #210620 and #210618.

Agenda Item 1 (**210620**) Resolution relating to the Temporary Historic Designation of the William Spence House Number 1

at 2275 N. Summit Avenue in the Third Aldermanic District

Agenda Item 2 (**210618**) Resolution relating to the Temporary Historic Designation of the William Spence House Number 2

at 2279 N. Summit Avenue in the Third Aldermanic District.

I support of the houses at 2275 and 2279 N Summit Avenue receiving an interim Historic Designation and Permanent Historic Designation.

In addition I support adding them to the North Point South Historic District. I think they are charming examples of a style needed

to be represented in the Northpoint South area. They also demonstrate what was designed there before multiple apartment buildings

were erected in the 50's 60's and 70's. This block is very important to the history of Northpoint South homes.

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