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Subject: September 19, 2017 ZND: concerns about Goll House mansion high rise project
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TO: Members of the ZND, Common Council
RE: proposed Goll House mansion high rise, September 19, 2017
FROM: a concerned citizen
DATE: Thursday September 14, 2017

The City Plan Commission approved this project after a meeting at which many residents of the adjacent property at 1522 N. Prospect Avenue appeared and spoke against it.

I heard only part of the testimony as the room in which the meeting took place was too small for the number of people who appeared. We were sent to an "overflow" room where a video of the meeting was to be available. It did not work at first. I went back to try to listen in the room where the members of the Plan Commission were located. Eventually they did get the video to work and I observed the rest of the meeting from that location.

At the close of the Plan Commission meeting, one of the members expressed disappointment that members of the community other than those who reside at 1522 N. Prospect did not speak.

I had attended the meeting primarily to learn about the project and had not intended to speak.

One of the speakers with whom I was most impressed was a person who identified herself as a former member of the Milwaukee Fire Department. I believe her name was Barb Duffy. She expressed concerns about whether or not emergency vehicles would be able to have adequate access to the proposed high rise. I would encourage any of you who will be voting on this project to access her remarks as she is someone with professional experience and knowledge about public safety.

I would like to give you contrasting observations which I made recently regarding an existing high rise project, Park Lafayette, which is across the street from where I live and the 1522 N. Prospect Ave. condominium project.

Within days of attending the Goll House project meeting I saw a 53 foot moving van parked on E. Lafayette Place in front of the Park Lafayette, blocking the fire hydrant in front of the building and impeding traffic on E. Lafayette Place. Within days of that I saw another 53 foot moving van legally parked on the private property of 1522 N. Prospect. I wish that I had taken photos of both of these occurrences.

I encourage those of you who want to add more density to an area which is already quite dense to consider the safety and quality of life of those who actually live here. Alderman Nik Kovac held a meeting for a property on N. Farwell Ave. which, in my opinion, devolved into a 'pep rally' for increased density.

It is my recollection that the building at 1522 was built within the existing zoning

code and it appears to be a successful development.

Thank you.

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