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Hi Chris,

I'm not sure how this works, but could you please make sure everyone on the council and/or committee gets a copy of my letter. If I should be presenting this differently, please let me know. Thank you in advance, Carol Ann Hartter

To the Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee

Please reconsider the historic designation for our block. No one supports it. No one requested it. The last thing the street needs is anything to hinder our businesses.

Due to the pandemic it's been difficult, if not impossible to contact all building owners, making them aware of your plans. We all have been closed. Because the mailman recognized one of my employees, he had him sign for the certified mail. Most was undeliverable. So no notification for some owners.

With the pandemic it's been impossible to physically attend the meetings. I even missed the first one after calling city hall and being told meetings were not being held. Doesn't the procedure for a historic designation require an owner to request it and pay a \$25.00 fee? None of us did this.

My building is certainly not historic. I opened Scandinavian Design of Easttown Inc. in 1976 with Illinois partners. That was only 10 years after Bob Jacobson of Jacobson Interiors had totally remodeled the building front. New. Not historic. I've been in the buildings for 44 years. Simply because Bob made it look Georgian doesn't make it historic. Previous tenants and owners don't make a structure historic either. 1/3 of my original structure is to the north...there is nothing in common....and please see the photos from the 1940s. Plate glass windows were across the front!

In 44 years I have changed out mullioned windows, added storms and screens, DILHR certified the property, replaced front stone work, lights, skylights, roof, falling parapets and bricks and more....it is not historic.

We certainly don't want or need this designation. Please don't burden the area businesses and building owners with something they don't want, need, support and didn't request.

Thank you in advance.

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