NO. 297

## Yarr, Valentina

From: Sent:

To:

Yarr, Valentina

Monday, July 24, 2006 12:20 PM 'james.voil@ci.minneapolis.mn.us' TO: Jim VOLL FAX: (612) 673-3887

Cc: Subject: 'maria\_mishchenko@comcast.net'; 'christine taschuk'

Robert Margl,610 4th St NE, variance

This concerns the application by Shafer Hartman, on behalf of Duane Arens, for a variance to reduce the minimum required lot size in the R2B District from 5,000 sq. ft. to 4,257 square feet and for a minor subdivision for property located at 600 4th Street NE to create two lots; one for the existing duplex and one for a new single-family home.

Mr. Robert Margl came to the July 12, 2006 Church Board meeting to explain the plans for the above which would border his property. Several members of the Board looked at the sites and decided that we are on the side of Robert Margl and are against the above application.

As you may be aware, the St.Michael's-St.George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (the entire 500 block on the east side of the street) which are 505, 507, 511-513, 515 and 521-4th Street NE, which includes the Church, Church hall and three residence buildings. Our Parish rectory (321-4th Ave NE), 508-5th Street, and the properties at 412-6th Avenue and 508-5th Street NE are also the properties which would be affected by your notice.

We have several church members who live in that vicinity, including my daughter and her family, who are also against this variance. I will obtain the needed paperwork and/or petitions - if you would accept these at the meeting along with this email without my attendance. If my attendance is required, please inform and state what I would need to bring.

I will also sign this email and fax it to you.

Valentina Yarr

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## Voll, Jim G

From: Nancy Tennessen [ntennessen@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2006 6:19 PM

To: Voll, Jim G

**Subject:** FW: No to zoning variance for 600 4th St NE

Please pass along my 'NO' to the City Planning Commission for the July 27, 2006 meeting (the letter I received had codes 'BZZ-3019 and MS-151).

I am so disgusted they have not listed the neighbors who are against the variance request by Duane Arens. I have lived in the neighborhood about 20 years and have never even met him. Duane is not an active participant in the neighborhood and yet they may allow him to inconvenience the rest of us by cramming in another house. I have heard he doesn't plan to live in the neighborhood long and the rest of us do.

I am also disgusted the follow-up meeting was scheduled form 9:30 AM on a work day. It seems they are making it very inconvenient for people like me who work to attend a meeting. Please convey my vote of 'NO' against granting the variance.

Thank you,

Nancy J. Tennessen 626 4th Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55413

>>----Original Message----

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>From: Nancy Tennessen [mailto:ntennessen@hotmail.com]
>Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 9:38 PM
>To: james.voll@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
>Subject: No to zoning variance for 600 4th St NE
>Please count me as a 'NO' to not allow a zoning variance for 600 4th St
>NE to reduce the minimum size of the lot to build a single-family home.
>Our neighborhood has dense enough housing with all the existing
>duplexes
>and
>fourplexes. Also, the lot 5,000 square feet lot is what the neighborhood
>zoned for and all residents understood that when they bought their homes.
>It is not fair to the rest of the neighbors for the 600 address to cram in
>another house.
>I'd also like to comment that having the meeting at 4:30 PM on Monday,
>June 12 is:
      1. Not convenient for those of us working. I work until about 5
>PM
>with the commute - 4:30 is not doable. So, I appreciate the option of
>E-mailing my comment.
                       I hope it is taken as seriously as those who can
>attend the meeting!
           The notice letter was dated May 26. Two weeks is not enough
      2.
>notice
>of any important issues like this. I am already scheduling my days in
>August. If I have been on a two week vacation, I would have missed this
>meeting
alltogther! Please allow more of a notice as the summer gets booked early.
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>Thanks for putting me down as 'NO' for the variance!
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> Nancy J. Tennessen
>626 4th Street NE
>Minneapolis, MN 55413
>
>P.S. Do not add my name or contact information to any mailing lists.
>I
> only want it used for this issue.
> >
> FREE pop-up blocking with the new MSN Toolbar - get it now!
> http://toolbar.msn.click-url.com/go/onm00200415ave/direct/01/
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Is your PC infected? Get a FREE online computer virus scan from McAfee® Security. http://clinic.mcafee.com/clinic/ibuy/campaign.asp?cid=3963

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-----Original Message-----From: ebalzer@earthlink.net To: karenarens@netscape.net

Sent: Mon, 26 Jun 2006 13:38:33 -0500 (GMT-05:00)

Subject: Re: Project at 600 4th. St. NE

Dear Mr. Voll,

I'm writing to voice my support for the plans to develop the vacant lot that is part of 600 4th Street NE. I own the property directly adjacent to the vacant lot at 313 6th Avenue NE.

The plans for a mid to upscale single family home would no doubt improve the quality of the neighborhood. The work that the Arens have already done to clean up the overgrown brush etc has greatly improved the aesthetics of the block. I believe building in this useless open space would be a logical next step. I'm not convinced this would do much to prevent the increased crime in the area, increased police presence may be necessary. However, I do think a new single family home of the quality proposed will increase property value in the area and should also prompt nearby homeowners to keep up with there surroundings through renovations and overall upkeep.

My only concern is for my tennants rights while the construction is taking place. This will by very close to said tennants living quarters. I would ask that the contractor repect this by only working during normal building time (ie) not late at night or early in the morning.

Eric Balzer

313 6th Ave NE

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