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From: Sabrina Absalon <sabrina.absalon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 5:50 PM
To: Zionsville Historic Preservation Committee
Subject: Re: NOT a Historic District

"YES, I SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE CREATING A PRESERVATION COMMISSION!"

On Wed, Apr 20, 2022, 2:55 PM Zionsville Historic Preservation Committee <preservezionsville@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Zionsville Historic Preservation Committee <preservezionsville@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 4:57 PM
Subject: NOT a Historic District
To:

Neighbors,

As you may have observed there is now a small, but vocal group that has organized to oppose the ordinance creating a Preservation Commission.

Unfortunately, this group has resorted to spreading false information about what the ordinance under consideration is. As a result, they have created fear among some residents. Among the false statements being spread are two below from the petition they are circulating, and a rebuttal that contains the truth about these statements.

FALSE (from opposition petition)

“The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to tell you whether or not the addition, new construction or alteration, color or fencing you are planning to do meets the Historic Preservation Commission’s “taste” standards before you can build.”

TRUE

The ordinance under consideration by the Town Council is only for the creation of a Commission. This Commission would be responsible for writing a proposed Conservation District Ordinance that would need to be vetted with the community, and then recommended to and voted on by the Town Council.

A Conservation District only deals with:

- Demolition of historic homes
- Moving of a historic home
- New construction review

Paint color, fencing and alterations of existing homes are **not** affected and do not require review.

FALSE (from opposition petition)

“This is even more restrictive than an HOA, it would be an actual ordinance that would encumber your property, new or old.”

TRUE

Again, this ordinance is only to create a Commission. If the Commission, once formed, does develop a Conservation District Ordinance it will not be an HOA and would only have a limited scope for reviewing demolition of historic homes and new construction.

For more information please take time to watch the [April 11th Town Council meeting](#). *Historic Commission discussion begins at 2:24:00*

IF YOU SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A PRESERVATION COMMISSION THAT WOULD EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE VILLAGE PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL AND IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS.

CUT AND PASTE FOR YOUR REPLY:

"YES, I SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE CREATING A PRESERVATION COMMISSION!"

Thank-you for your support!

The Zionsville Historic Preservation Committee

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