

Amy Lacy

From: Laurie Harris <laurieharris58@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 1, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Amy Lacy
Subject: I am in support of the conservation district.

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I purchased our home in the village specifically because of the charm of the old homes set in an established area with tree lined streets, in Zionsville. Since we moved here in 1996, we have seen so many new builds in the village, that should never have been allowed. These folks should have moved to one of the newer subdivisions to build their 4,000+ sq ft homes. If the conservation district commission will have the authority to prohibit these homes popping up all over the village I am all for it. My husband and I have worked on our home which was built in 1860 for the last 25 years. If my neighbor sells, and the new owner builds one of these huge homes, it will dwarf my home's appearance. Not to mention all sorts of problems with drainage that we've seen and heard about from our neighbors, over and over again, due to zero lot lines being approved. I know that's a selfish reason, but if the village becomes a "tear down and rebuild gigantic homes" area, it will **not** be the "village" any longer.

Recently I took a trip out to Savannah and fell in love with the old home districts. Without a conservation district commission or historical district Savannah would not be the Savannah we see and enjoy today.

I especially applaud the section regarding Visibility Compatibility in section 9 of the proposal. If a home in the village were to be remodeled or torn down and rebuilt on the lot it should, **at the very least**, be visually compatible with the other old homes surrounding it.

You have my support, and the support of many of my neighbors who are unable to let their voices be heard. If you had yard signs that supported your efforts I would have gladly showcased my support. I do see the opposition, but you are right, they might be a loud voice, but they are a very small minority. Don't let them scare you.

Thank you for all your hard work on this project. I wish you all the best,

Laurie Harris
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