

Good Evening to Everyone-

My name is Debb Clay and I live at 625 Laurel Avenue in the Village with my husband Bill. After assisting our daughter and her family with their move to Zionsville, we fell in love with The Village and decided to make Zionsville home. I am here tonight not only to show my support for the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance but to share some observations made as I walked the streets of this beautiful village distributing flyers and speaking with residents. Here is what I witnessed.

Residents for and against the commission actually had many comments in COMMON:

1st. No one wanted the town or State dictating what they could do with and on their property;

2nd. No one wanted their neighbors to sell their property to a developer who would construct multiple dwellings on a single family lot;

3rd. No one wanted to be “nickel and dimed” to death when making minor improvements to their property;

4th Everyone expressed their concern about maintaining the “charm” of the Village and how that charm was instrumental in their decision to live here;

5th Everyone wanted Zionsville to protect their investment (property).

This begs the question, “Why there seemed to be “Fors” and “Againsts” when there was so much common ground?” I can offer an answer, “**Fear**” of laws which strip homeowners of their rights. By working together, we can create an ordinance which will begin discovery through a commission giving **everyone a voice**.

The second reason I am supporting- THE CREATION OF AN ORDINANCE comes in the form of a warning to which I can attest personally. If discussion on this topic does not move forward,

Zionsville could be at the mercy of the State and NO ONE WANTS THE STATE TO DICTATE HOW ZIONSVILLE SHOULD BE RUN. You think this is just hearsay? Our family relocated when our state passed SB 9 and SB10. No one was paying attention and as of 2022, R-1 designations (single family plot zoning) is no longer allowed by law. This means that a single family lot can be subdivided and each lot can house not only 2 separate family dwellings but also an additional single room- grandmother suite on each lot; this allows 6 family dwellings on single family (R-1) lot...AND with **NO restrictions for water,parking,schools, parks, or traffic mitigations.** Those cities with ordinances or CC & R's in place before this action are not required to comply.

I know the caring people who live here respect their town and collectively do not want developers to **insidiously change the fabric** of this magnificent place in Indiana.

Let's work together!