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From: leeanneshiller@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 9:34 PM
To: Amy Lacy
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to the historical district proposal

Amy Stehr original from Thursday

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From: Village Residents <saveyourpropertyrights@gmail.com>
To: Lee anne Shiller <leeanneshiller@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, May 2, 2022 3:06 pm
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to the historical district proposal

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Date: Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 2:01 PM
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Subject: **Opposition to the historical district proposal**

Good afternoon,

I wanted to take the opportunity to voice my opposition to the proposed historical district commission. Though I am a resident of the village and am concerned about potential restrictions placed on our properties, I have also taken the time to consider how this may affect the entire town of Zionsville in the future. Following are my concerns, and the reasons for my opposition:

- I believe that homeowners have the right to make decisions regarding their property as they see fit. I am more concerned about the condition of property (i.e. overgrowth, blocked sidewalks due to hanging limbs, trash on porches) than I am about a subjective review as to whether a home is "contributing."

- Whether you agree or not, forming a commission IS adding a layer to the town government. There are already systems in place to review proposed building; therefore, applying to a historic commission technically is an added layer and added expenses for the town and its residents.

- If people would like to be part of an HOA, there are plenty of neighborhoods within our town who offer properties that fall within guidelines that make them similar and complimentary. The uniqueness of the Village is a much more desired lifestyle for me.

- It is difficult to conceive that a historic commission will not regulate windows, doors, colors, etc. when it truly is an unknown to all of us, including the town council, since no one has yet been appointed. During

one meeting, Lockerbie was used as an example of a local historic district. Though a beautiful community, I was shocked to read about some of the restrictions there, after perusing the 350+ page commission papers. Such restrictions do include doors, windows, paint, corbels, chimneys, porches, and several other items. I highly recommend that you read through it.

- Lastly, from what I have read, properties considered "contributing" date back to 1962 — that is 60 years ago. My understanding is that the commission is not limited to the Village, but all of Zionsville. Since Colony Woods was built around 1972, does that mean that residents could apply for a historic district there in 10 years? It would seem so to me. Frankly, there are several communities in Zionsville that it could affect.

I appreciate the work that you have done to consider a historic commission, but am still opposed. I think it is a dangerous, slippery slope, and sets a precedent for the future that all might regret.

Thank you,

Amy Stehr