

Kaarre, Doug

From: Wesley MacMillan <wes@wesleymacmillan.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Kaarre, Doug
Subject: 238 S Kenilworth

Hey Doug, Happy New Year!

I wanted to respond to the certified mail I received about the Gill's proposed project on their home. We wanted to show our full support for them to go forward with this project. We know firsthand how important support from neighbors can be, whether it's a home restoration or the installation of a stop sign. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the public hearing, but wanted to make sure that our support was noted and counted.

We feel that this project will not only increase the value of their home, but also the homes around it. Most importantly, it will allow the Gills to more fully enjoy the home they already have.

Cheers! Please let me know if I need to send this to anyone else!

Wesley MacMillan
239 S Grove Ave
773-343-3313

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Wesley MacMillan * * * * 773.343.3313

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Name:

Dale Vanderbram Dale Vanderbram

Address:

249 S. Kenilworth

Additional Comments:

Please allow this beautiful
addition to proceed!

We are immediately across
the street and feel strongly
the renovation will ADD to
the neighborhood!

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Name: ANNE MONSON *Anne Monson* / LOREN BROWN

Address: 240 S. GROVE AV. 60302

Additional Comments:

So many exceptions have been made in proposed developments downtown + in apt. buildings - why make it so difficult for this home owners, whose plans are to make changes to an historical home that I believe are in keeping with the original style, yet will make this home more functional for their family and any other modern family who might buy this property in the future. It is obvious to me that these home owners have gone to considerable personal expense already making historically sensitive updates to their property - refusal to allow them to continue, or putting too many requests for change to their plans may put this project out - over

of financial reach for them
to complete this project —
which in my view only
adds value to our neighborhood.
Please allow them to complete
this project without further
delay which puts ridiculous
cost overruns to their project.

FXI - I do not personally know
this family but have been pleased
with the improvements they have
made to date. Stalling their plans
will discourage others and will work
against our neighborhood. Come on!

IT'S TOO BAD THE VILLAGE HAS SUCH A STRONG HOLD
ON HOMEOWNERS. I WISH THERE WAS MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE
GUIDELINES. I AM ALL FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, BUT AT THE SAME
TIME, WE WHO LIVE IN OAK PARK AND CHARISH OUR OLD HOMES ALSO
KNOW THEY ARE WOEFULLY INADEQUATE IN TERMS OF THE DEMANDS
AND EXPECTATIONS OF 21ST CENTURY FAMILY LIVING.

TO ME, THE WORST ARCHITECTURAL CRIME IS WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN DOWNTOWN OAK PARK. THE NEWER BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION
ARE AN ABOMINATION IN TERMS OF GOOD TASTE AND WHAT WILL
FIT INTO THE EXISTING COMMUNITY. — Lou Bm

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Name: Cristen Vincent

Address: 247 S. Kenilworth

Additional Comments:

* The village allowed expansion/renovation at 210 and 214 S. Kenilworth - so how can more modest work at 238 be disallowed.

* The bay window on the side of 238 is identical to the bay windows ^{more visible} on the front of 239, 242, and 243 so it is not really a loss to the character of the neighborhood.

* Upgrading the home to have 2 bathrooms will increase future resale value of the home should Gills ever decide to sell. ;)

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Name:

Address:

Mary Ellen Carol Gregory
243 South Kenilworth Oak Park, IL 60302

Additional Comments:

We were very impressed with the historical quality & design of the Gill's front porch restoration. After review of their suggested design for the addition, we are confident this will further enhance the overall look of the property & bring additional historic character to our neighborhood.

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Name: KRISTA OLSON-BENISEK

Address: 227 S. KENILWORTH AVE 60302-3115

Additional Comments:

I have watched, with pleasure, the exterior renovations @ 238 S. Kenilworth. I've reviewed the pictures + plans for the new reno plans and feel they satisfy the need for space, improvements, and requirements for the village. The neighborhood will be better for these changes. They are a perfect "compromise" and fit to the newer reno'd homes ^{on our block.} Michelle & Tom Gill have my full support.

Krista Olson-Benisek
1/6/2017

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Name: JEEL + TRISHA POMERENK

Address: 221 S. KENILWORTH AVE.

Additional Comments:

WE SEE THIS FROM THREE ANGLES:

1. A TERRIFIC FAMILY THAT WANTS TO STAY IN OAK PARK AND ON THIS BLOCK, BUT NEEDS MORE SPACE TO MAKE THAT A REALITY

2. A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH WILL ENHANCE SURROUNDING PROPERTY VALUES

3. A HISTORY OF HOME ENHANCEMENTS MADE BY THE GILLS, EACH OF WHICH HAS IMPROVED AND RESPECTED THE PROPERTY AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSED WORK.

REGARDS,

JEEL + TRISHA POMERENK

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Name: John F. (Jack) Sheehan

Address: John Sheehan
237 S. Kenilworth, Oak Park, IL 60302

Additional Comments:

THE GILL'S ARE GOOD NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE MADE GREAT IMPROVEMENTS TO RESTORE THE ORIGINAL APPEARANCE OF THEIR HOME, MAINTAINING THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE. ONE BAY WINDOW IS HARDLY SIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON TO THE IMPROVEMENT TO THE INTERIOR UTILITY OF THEIR HOME. FRANKLY, WE NEVER EVEN NOTICED THAT BAY THAT FACES THE SIDE YARD, WE FIND THE ARCHITECTS DRAWINGS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OVERALL APPEARANCE OF THEIR HOME

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Name: ARV + AUDREY VANAGUNAS

Address: 237 S. GROVE, OAK PARK, IL

Additional Comments:

The addition has clear ~~architectural~~
architectural integrity and fits the neighborhood
beautifully. We are delighted and fully
support our neighbors.

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Name: GEOFFREY PRUDENCE and MARY BEACH

Address: 219 S. GROVE AVE, OAK PARK

Additional Comments:

LOOKS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL PLAN.

COMPLETELY SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS LIKE THIS.

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Address: _____

Paul E. Hagaman
238 S. Kenilworth

Additional Comments:

This house is one of four built as a group. All are essentially the same, but each has been significantly changed over the years, making them ~~actually~~ unrecognizable as a group. Changes to 238 by the Gills have made the structure return to a look more consistent with the original. The proposed changes are similar to several other homes on contiguous blocks.

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Name:

Address:

Jack + Kathy Weyna
218 S. Grove

Additional Comments:

Our best wishes for you
P.S. If they still give you a
problem - I can see a bay on
the 1st floor of your addition -
I'm an interior designer & have worked
on a few exterior & of course interiors -
best Jack

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Name: Sarah Alward + Nicholas Johnson

Address: 218 S. Kenilworth Ave. #2, Oak Park, IL 60302

Additional Comments:

We fully support this project and look forward to
more renovations that enhance the beautification
of our block. Please approve this design.

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Name: ROBERT OLSON

Address: 227. S. KENILWORTH AVE. APT 1#

Additional Comments:

The Gills have done a wonderful job of
improving their home and this community.
I hope everyone thinks like I do and
helps them get this new project underway.
It can only enhance the neighborhood even more.

Robert Olson

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Name: ARVIND RAJAGOPAL & SHALINI MURALI (M. Gill)

Address: 239 S. Kenilworth Ave, OAK PARK IL 60302



Additional Comments:

We are very glad to support our
neighborhood Renovation at 238 S. Kenilworth.
Im sure it will definitely add value to our
block.

Thanks

Shalini Murali & Arvind Rajagopal.

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Name: Lawrence + Lesley Keeley

Address: 223 S. Kenilworth

Additional Comments:

These enhancements
are great for our
entire block!

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Name: Noell Jordan

Address: 213 S Kenilworth Oak Park IL 60302

Additional Comments:

The additions look beautiful. A family
who has lived there for 18 years
wouldn't do anything to harm the
history of their home.

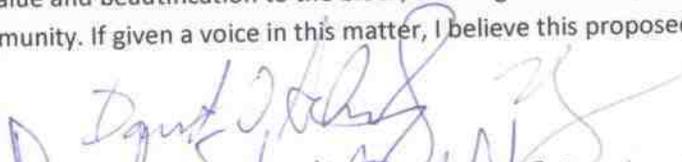
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Name: David Schwartz + Naomi Katz

Address: 303 S. Grove Ave, Oak Park IL 60302

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We support the proposed design.

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Name: HECTOR ARNAEZ
Address: 219 S. KENILWORTH AVE, O.P. 60302

Additional Comments:

I agree with the proposed
renovation. Good luck!!!
Hector Arnaez
1/7/17

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Name: LINDA GARLAND

Address: 215 S. Kenilworth

Additional Comments:

I have no problem with your new design but
I wonder if you've considered duplicating
the bay design in your new addition.

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Address:

Brooke P. Mishkin

238 S. Grove

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Name: Jacob Mathew

Address: 242 S. Kenilworth

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Name: Mr. & Mrs. James & Karen Bobek
Address: 304 S. Kenilworth Ave, #3-N, Oak Park 60302

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Name: Deborah Donnelly

Address: 226 S. Kenilworth Ave, Oak Park, IL

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Name: TARICK + MEGAN LOUTFI - OWNERS ^{HOME}
Address: 222 S. GROVE AVE. OAK PARK IL 60302

Megan Loutfi

Additional Comments:

Tarick Loutfi
1-10-2017

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Name: MEGAN CONLEY MATOCHA 
Address: 214 S. KENILWORTH AVE.

Additional Comments:
