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Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:52 PM
To: Mattingly, Gabrielle
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From: Bryan Ogg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Gustin, Patty; Brodhead, Judy; Sullivan, Theresa; Coyne, Kevin; Krummen, John; Hinterlong, Paul; White, Benny; Kelly, Patrick
Cc: Laff, Allison; Mattingly, Gabrielle
Subject: Table the Little Friends COA

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Dear Council,

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First, ABC7 reported yet another, racist incident at Naperville Central High School. The report did not mention the recent, horrific Buffalo Wild Wings incident, but the sting of shame still pervades. Until Naperville owns its exclusionary history, racist incidents will continue and potentially accelerate.

The second disturbing report on CBS2 was a one-side report and appeal of Little Friends. This appeal was not only shaming to the people who voluntarily serve on Naperville commissions, but to the people living as neighbors in the historic District as well. It certainly did not help sell the Naperville brand.

I strongly urge the council to vote NO to demolition; OR vote to table the issue. Addressing racism in Naperville is an immediate and weighty issue that requires very careful attention. Shutting down the LF appeal will not hurt Little Friends. LF must have deep pockets to wage such an expensive campaign just to leave Naperville (and in worse shape than when they took possession). The taxpayers of Naperville should have to bear the burden of LF shortfalls.

I am attaching two links regarding historic districts and the law. I hope you will consider reviewing your options regarding the Naperville Historic District, the citizens who live there, and the greater community of Naperville which is so much need of healing.

Respectfully,
Bryan Ogg

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/dallas-tenth-street-historic-district-celebrates-temporary-halt-on-demolitions#.XdQq8TNKiM9>

<https://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/dallas/article225080485.html>

<http://lhdct.org/handbook/court-cases-and-their-importance>

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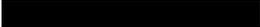
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Arletta Anderson


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