

December 10, 2024

Brad Foley -Aldersperson

Re: reinstatement of Design Review for new single family or multifamily homes

Mr. Foley,

As a long time Wauwatosa resident, I have reached out to you regarding recent new construction single family builds in Wauwatosa. I have concerns with what has been approved by the city and feel the new builds do not reflect the neighborhood, and the designs of some of these homes are out of character with our city.

- Zoning should reflect the neighborhood homes that are in existence and should complement the neighborhood.
- New single-family homes should not be out of character with the existing homes.
- Approval decisions for design should be made by a committee.
- Neighbors directly impacted by the new build should be notified and allowed to voice their opinions about the new project.
- If the new setbacks are extremely different than the original footprint, the Design Review board should consider how this affects the neighbors' property value and site lines.
- The new build should not depreciate the existing neighbors' home values.
- Some of these projects the Builder has requested easements from neighbors to load and unload materials onto the site, as installation of exterior facades will be quite the challenge without encroaching on the neighbors' property.

I am in favor of the proposal for the reinstatement of the Design Review Board.

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