



CGF Meeting Feedback Form

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City of Grand Forks

Meeting Type:	City Council Meeting
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Agenda Item Number / Topic:	3.3/Amending zoning map to re-zone to R-4 at 2920 5th Ave North
Comments:	<p>Do not permit a request to re-zone a site at 2920 5th Ave N to allow the building of a 5- or 6-plex structure. As many neighborhood residents expressed at the recent Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, granting the re-zoning request will contribute to the progressive decline of our residential neighborhood by changing the character and increasing the population density in an area that has, in the past, been characterized by small single family homes, many owner-occupied, with small cared-for lawns and gardens. Not a single resident appeared at the recent P&Z meeting to support the developer's plan. A great deal has changed in the areas surrounding the UND campus to add significant numbers of new student housing units. This 5- or 6-plex is not necessary. At the P&Z meeting, local residents cited assaults on their quality of life posed by the loss of green space, increased traffic/parking, and unwelcome behavior of students who view off campus life as a way to circumvent legal on-campus alcohol restrictions. Changing the zoning code may be of practical benefit for property developers but it does not address the real housing needs of North End residents; indeed, it exacerbates problems that many residents described at the meeting - and that members of planning and zoning chose to ignore.</p>