

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon and Allen Weiner
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To Whom It May Concern

My husband and I are long-term residents in the South Carthay Neighborhood. Our community's architectural heritage is important to us. Allen and I want to maintain an HPOZ that works for the modern family and ensures that rehabilitation and new construction within the district complement the historic fabric in South Carthay. That said, our Preservation Plan guidelines are guidelines not meant to prohibit additions as limited in view as the Gowey's.

We all recognize that few things can alter the appearance of a historic structure more quickly than an ill-planned addition. That said, the Gowey's 1/2 story addition is the perfect example of a carefully planned addition that retains all significant historic features while at the same time fulfilling their need for more space. In the eyes of Preservation, the Gowey's proposed plan will remain a contributing structure in South Carthay. Their design has our full support, the support of 80 South Carthay households, architectural historian and preservation consultant Nelson White, Linda Dishman from the LA Conservancy and Councilman Koretz. The architectural integrity of the Gowey's design supports all 10 of the Secretary of the Interiors Standards and all relevant guidelines in our Preservation Plan.

Jennifer and Eric's renovation has gone through many changes due to the guidance they received from the City Planning Department and HPOZ Board starting 2011 at their first of 4 HPOZ Consultations. Throughout those Consultations there was never a vote to deny this project, quite the opposite.... they were guided to make the addition smaller and shorter and then the HPOZ Board and City Planning Department requested they get neighborhood support ... which makes sense because our Preservation Plan states that public participation in the HPOZ review process is crucial.

What we are concerned about is that the City Planning Department and HPOZ Board have completely broken all the rules, they've changed our Preservation Plan at will by ignoring parts of it to suit their agenda... they ignored our public support, our Plan's photographic evidence, they didn't base their decision on the Preservation Plan as written. I was at the HPOZ meeting when I heard one of the HPOZ board chair person said that the Gowey's support was just part of some "popularity contest" and that their supporters "probably didn't read OUR South Carthay Preservation Plan".

What is the point of having a Preservation Plan if those whom we trust to guide us, our leaders, those who hold the power, choose to ignore the Plan that they created for us?

In making your decision on this appeal please understand that the majority of our neighborhood believe in architectural preservation and at the same time we are appalled by the way our City Planning Department and HPOZ Board has manipulated and failed this family and our community.

Between 2009 and 2010, Brad Kane sent out a mass e-mail to our stakeholders telling us that the new Preservation Plan would not change our HPOZ. He said that it would simply clarify the existing regulations. The existing regulations are the Secretary of the Interiors Standards. This was the only outreach we received re: the new Preservation Plan. We did not go to the meeting that the SCNA and City Planning Department was publicizing because we were told our HPOZ would NOT change. So there was no outreach from the City Planning Department to our community and there was no feedback from our community to the City Planning Department.

We find it hard to believe that the Govey's proposed design has been denied and feel that the City Planning Department and our HPOZ Board have been overly restrictive in rejecting this visual 1/2 story addition.

We ask that you let this family build their addition. They have done everything asked of them by our HPOZ Board and City Planning Department. We hope your support will lead to them finally getting their Certificate of Appropriateness.

The majority of South Carthay approves this addition!

Thank you,

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This second-story addition is set-back and preserving the look and scale of the original bungalow.



The original single-story cottage has been lost to this second story addition..



Apart from the inappropriate massing of this addition, the materials on the original house have been modified to suit the addition

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I am writing regarding Case No. DIR-2019-3828-COA-1A (Council file No. 20-0062) regarding 6500 Olympic Place.

As a resident of the South Carthay HPOZ, I strongly object to approval of this project. The attempt to add a second story is in direct contradiction to Preservation Plan of the South Carthay HPOZ Guideline 3, which states:

“Additions that comprise a new floor (for instance a new second floor on a single-story house) are not appropriate.”

The owners have been aware of this condition on property within our HPOZ from the time they purchased their property. If they are granted an exception, then others will surely request the same and the historic appearance and ambience of our neighborhood will be destroyed.

The existing house is already large for the neighborhood at 2500 square feet. The owners propose to add another 1100 square feet, which would make the structure much bulkier, out of scale, and out of style with surrounding houses.

If the owners wish to live in such a large structure with two stories, they can purchase a house on the nearby block of Whitworth that already has such homes, without violating our guidelines and destroying the character of our neighborhood. One such property happens to be for sale at this very moment. That block of Whitworth is the only portion of our HPOZ where two-story single-family houses would be appropriate.

I strongly urge you to uphold the decision of the CLAAPC to maintain our Preservation Plan, and to reject this appeal.

Sincerely,

Carl Sunshine