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Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:20 PM

Dear Cade,

We have viewed the plans online and shared our comments with the Rocca's architect, Paul Janicki, who is a long time neighbor, and would appreciate if this email were included in the Preservation Committee package and read aloud at the meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Since this is the Rocca's fourth construction venture in five years, we have had considerable experience living through and enduring their extensive and relentless efforts to "bulk up" a home which once possessed a harmonious relationship with its modest lot size.

We have concluded that The Preservation Committee will inevitably approve their latest project. However, it is our understanding that Evanston ordinance requires property owners to maintain fences in good repair. We request that the Rocca's be required to replace their rickety wooden fence of rotted wood and missing slats which separates our two properties on the east side (not to exceed its current height). After all, last year during a major landscaping project they replaced a similar fence on the west side of their property.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and responsiveness.

Cathleen and John Hammerschlag

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2390 Orrington trees

2 messages

Beth Flintoft <beth.flintoft@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 6, 2021 at 2:04 PM

To: Carlos Ruiz <cruiz@cityofevanston.org>, csterling@cityofevanston.org

Dear Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Sterling,

This is to submit comments regarding protection of the trees at 2390 Orrington. Please share this with the members of the Preservation Commission, and include it as part of the formal record, thank you.

Please ask the **developer to propose a smaller footprint that will preserve the historic trees on this site, as agreed with the city.**

This plat was approved on the condition that two 100 to 150 year old oaks should be preserved 'if possible'. A third old, alley oak was designated 'to remain'. The developer might have laid out the houses to preserve the trees, but instead comes to this last house and says there is not room for the trees. In 2019, this Commission determined the footprint is too big not only to preserve historic trees on the site, but also for the size of the lot. The City Council upheld its decision. Please send the developer back again and ask them to propose a footprint that will preserve these two old oaks.

This proposed layout would kill the oaks either directly by taking them down, or through the construction and destruction of roots intertwined with the southerly tree. The city's request should mean something. The developer should address the city concerns. If anything, the city is now even more committed to preserving its trees, as its Climate Action and Resilience Plan calls for conservation of its mature trees, which are so important in the face of climate change.

If the City of Evanston believes we must take climate action--and we all do--then we have to preserve our existing, mature trees. Especially oaks. Oaks are declining in our area, even though they are the top keystone species critical for biodiversity. (More info [here](#) and [here](#).) Compared to younger or replacement trees, these big trees best hold our carbon, clear our air, absorb our stormwater and cool our streets. They are also inconvenient for development, and so need our special attention and protection if we are to prepare and build resilience for the climate disruptions to come. In this case, we are lucky that the city made special arrangements in 2011 to protect these trees.

Thank you,
Beth Flintoft

Cade Sterling <csterling@cityofevanston.org>

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 9:14 AM

To: Beth Flintoft <beth.flintoft@gmail.com>

Cc: Carlos Ruiz <cruiz@cityofevanston.org>

Thank you Beth,

I will send these comments to Commissioners for review. Take care,
Cade W. Sterling
City Planner

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Proposed Construction at 2390 Orrington Ave.

2 messages

Michael R Wasielewski <m-wasielewski@northwestern.edu>
To: "csterling@cityofevanston.org" <csterling@cityofevanston.org>

Sun, Mar 7, 2021 at 2:34 PM

Dear Ms. Sterling.

Please share the following comments to the Historic Preservation Commission regarding [2390 Orrington Ave.](#) Case #21PRES-0022. We live at [2380 Orrington Ave](#) next to the [2390 Orrington Ave](#) lot. We have reviewed the new submission by the developers and object to the proposed house as planned.

The developer has completely ignored the previous recommendations of both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Evanston City Council upon appeal. Both bodies recommended that the developer should reduce the scale of the house to better fit the lot size, while maintaining a historic façade for the house that is distinct from the other houses on 2300 block of Orrington. At the same time, the developer was told not to encroach upon the two massive oak trees on the north side of the lot. In their new proposal, they have, in fact, enlarged the footprint of the main floor of the house from 1736 SF to 1829 SF. Their plan is to remove one of the oak trees, which is immediately adjacent to the second oak tree, so that is highly unlikely the second tree will survive construction. Thus, both large trees will be lost. We are not averse to having a house built at [2390 Orrington Ave](#), we simply want the construction to fit the historic nature of the neighborhood, which includes preservation of the large trees that are important part of the historic district's character.

I request that the Members of the Commission deny the developer's Certificate of Appropriateness.

Sincerely,

Michael and Nancy Wasielewski

[2380 Orrington Ave.](#)[Evanston, IL 60201](#)

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Draft To: Michael R Wasielewski <m-wasielewski@northwestern.edu>

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 9:15 AM

Thank you Michael and Nancy,

I will send these comments to Commissioners for review. Take care,

Cade W. Sterling
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