

June 11, 2019

To: Planning Commission
City of Ashland
Council Chambers
1175 East Main Street
Ashland, Oregon 97520

Re.: 160 Helman Street Construction

Dear Planning Commission,

I would appreciate it if we could add a note on record of the opposition for the current building plans for 160 Helman Street, specifically the planned residences. There are several reasons for this and they are as follows:

1. In or around 2003, the then City Administrator, Gino Ggrimaldi, told the residents and property owners that the City of Ashland would not allow for any 3 story buildings on Helman Street between Central Avenue and Van Ness Avenue. This was due to the Plaza Inn's and Suites Building being built as a "2" story building.
2. The proposed height of the residence on the corner of Van Ness Avenue and Helman Street is to be 45 feet and 3 stories. That is not reasonable in the Skidmore Historic District and also not next to some of Ashland's oldest homes (Don and Terri Wilson's home at 152 Helman Street is from 1860, ours at 159 Helman Street is 1889, Brian's at 173 Helman Street is 1888).
3. The height they are wanting for the first residence is going to be 15 feet higher than anyone else's. It will be taller than your average utility pole by about 10 feet. Again not reasonable in the Skidmore Historic District.
4. We were told that the residence/commercial building at the corner of Van Ness Avenue and Helman Street are now not required to put in the 4 parking bays on Van Ness Avenue as we were previously told.

There are eight out of the ten home owners on the street that are in favor of what I have asked to be put on record for us. I have not been able to get a hold of one home owner, as the home is a rental, and the other home is a vacation rental, for which I have been trying to reach to no avail.

Respectfully,



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