

Betsy Poulin

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Can you make sure the PB sees this. If they haven't already. Thanks Linda

From: Roger Audette [<mailto:pinepointftc@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 7:20 AM
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Good Morning Respected City Councilors,

I am sending this email as a resident of the Westside neighborhood, not as the Fire Chief. I will not make the planning board meeting next week but feel as a taxpayer raising a family in the historic neighborhood that my voice and my opinion, comments to you are important.

I have lived on Chapel Street since 2005. I moved here with my wife and two kids because I love my house and the historic features and architectural details that it has. I feel like me and my family are exactly what the City of Augusta needs. Hard working families with good jobs, investing in the community, involved in church, schools and social organizations.

I have some great neighbors. Doctors, Engineers, Togus employees, State of Maine and on and on. The frustration for all of us is the quality of the people that have moved in to the assisted living facilities and boarding homes in the West side.

I do not mean any disrespect to anyone that suffers from an illness and have never heard any of our neighbors be anything but kind to people in need.

With that being said I have raised my children with the highest level of supervision. There are so many people that pass through the neighborhood on a daily basis. People that any normal parent would be uncomfortable with. I do not let my daughter walk anywhere alone. She only goes outside when someone is with her, she never walks home from the school bus without her brother or a partner. There are far too many people walking around that have demonstrated signs of mental illness and instability.

Historic neighborhoods like the West side in other communities are where everyone wants to live. They are the pride of every community but not here. The City of Augusta needs to absolutely control what type of housing and use we will allow here. If you want more families to move here, be a part of the community then I ask that you really think about the proposed use of the St. Marks buildings.

I have made a tremendous investment restoring my home. I do not want the value to be less than it is because of the continued degradation of our neighborhoods.

I am also concerned about the quality of people that will be outside of our new Lithgow Library.

Thanks for listening and keep up the good work.

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