

Fw: 527-537 W. Girard Ave - Historic Designation

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Subject: 527-537 W. Girard Ave - Historic Designation

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Hello. I am writing in support for the historic designation of 527-537 W Girard Ave. I visited the building to utilize the batting cage venue that once occupied the space and the business owner David Gavigan gave me a tour. He showed me the old and still structurally sound architecture, painted signs, and told me about the history of the theater that once occupied the space. If the building is torn down I am afraid that the architecture and building techniques that would replace it would be basic, tasteless, and lack anything original. I support the historic designation of this building to preserve the city's and local neighborhood's heritage. Thank you.


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M. Mahlmann

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Historic Designation for the property located at 527-537 W. Girard Ave. This large building has housed numerous community-based businesses, which has contributed to Girard Ave. maintaining a vibrant small business corridor.

The building itself, dating back to the late 19th century is unique and noteworthy, with significant historical remnants (like handpainted signs from the late 19th century, an early 20th century movie screen, and interesting architectural features throughout the building.

As a neighborhood resident for 9+ years, I believe it is important to preserve this building and hope that you will vote to do so.

Sincerely,
David Gavigan

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Hello,

I would like to submit a statement regarding 527 W. Girard Ave for the upcoming historic preservation meeting taking place on 20 MAY 2020, 9:30 A.M.

W. Girard Ave between 5th St. and 8th St. has experienced a significant loss of historic building stock. Many prominent buildings were lost to fire, development, and demolition by neglect. This area has many empty lots, surface parking lots, and buildings that don't meet the street line. Preserving the remaining significant buildings in this area ought to be a priority.

This building is sited where Girard Avenue widens to the west. its scale, the robustness of construction, and massing are a pleasing foil to the scale of the street. This would be lost if the building is demolished and replaced by new construction.

This site has played host to many public uses throughout the decades. It has been a constant presence on the street. It is part of the heritage of its community, It is the work of a significant architect, and it is worthy of preservation.

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