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I am writing to express concern over the location of this zoning request in the middle of the residential section of Washington Park neighborhood.

Our neighborhood struggles to recover from years of neglect. we have been fortunate to see a turn around in the business district at the corner of Acadia with the help of John Johnston's vision. But we still have many empty businesses there and would much rather strengthen the efforts that have already been made. There is strength in numbers and each of these businesses has put a lot of financial investment into our business district...Swarms, Acadia Foods, Slappy's Chicken, Monstercade, WP Barber Shop, SOuthside Beer Garden etc.

There are multiple empty stores that would make a lovely location for the Flour Box Tea Room that are not part of a street of residential housing. Our biggest concern is that if the business does not survive it could be replaced with something much less desirable.

Please give careful thought to setting this precedent in the residential section of Washington Park. Are there any limitations for the type of business that could follow in later years?

Thank you,
Kathy Cooper
Sent from my iPad