

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 4:09 PM
To: Alex Wren
Subject: RE: 2290 Main Street Rezoning

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Thank you.

From: Alex Wren s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 2290 Main Street Rezoning

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my support for the rezoning application at 2290 Main Street. I believe the proposal presents an extremely interesting building at a prominent site in Mount Pleasant. The corner of 7th & Main was identified (along with 2nd & Main) as significant corners in the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Plan (sections 4.2 and 4.3) that could (and in my opinion should) support higher buildings. I personally believe these sites can also support higher densities. The massing is entirely appropriate in context with the community centre building across the street as well as the recently completed "Scotia" and "District South Main" projects at 7th and Scotia. The density proposed is also appropriate (or even too low) given the amenities in the neighbourhood and proximity to transit options currently available. I believe the daring and striking architectural design works extremely well in contrast with the historical buildings in the neighbourhood. Too often we see new developments that choose the path of least resistance and propose boring, subdued designs that either fade into the background or just create more of the same mediocrity seen on C-2 zoned corridors around the city. Mount Pleasant is known for being funky and cool and this building fits that notion perfectly. I hope this building can be approved as presented and avoid changes as a result of "design by committee." I fear this is what happened to the recently approved Rize development (a development whose density and height I fully supported but design I felt was extremely disjointed), resulting in a development that ultimately will make few people happy. Mayor and Council took a great step forward last week approving the daring design of B.I.G's Beach and Howe project, and although the proposal at 2290 Main Street is far smaller, it could have an equal impact on design expectations of more moderately sized developments.

I urge you to support the proposal as presented and approve a development which I believe fits the neighbourhood, enhances it's character, and elevates the design standard for small sites in the City of Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Alex Wren

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:25 AM
To: mark cavers
Subject: RE: 2290 Main Street

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From: mark cavers s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:29 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 2290 Main Street

This email is in regards to the 2290 Main Street development. I want to give my full support for this project. Added density and housing in this area is what is desperately needed!

Thank you,
Mark Cavers