



Middle Housing Initiative

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Dr. McCraney,

Not sure if you know or not but I met with Jeff O'Brien and Brian Davis on October 30, 2024. I invited him along with Mayor Roberts from Windy Hills, Mayor Hagan from Lyndon, Mayor Jung from Douglass Hills, Mayor Tonini from St. Matthews and Jack Will, JCLC Executive Director. We met at the City of Woodlawn Park city hall. Mayor Tonini had a prior commitment so was not able to attend.

In this meeting we each had an opportunity to share our thoughts about the Middle Housing Initiative that was being drafted. Each Mayor present was not in favor.

Even though the JCLC had already shared its viewpoint regarding this, we shared a few of the same items we wanted to see in the final draft. Months went by and I actually thought perhaps the initiative was not going anywhere. Recently though, I heard a final draft is being prepared.

If Middle Housing was to move forward, here were a few ideas we wanted to see in the draft:

- 1) only allow this to happen on existing vacant land property
- 2) give each small city an opt out opportunity
- 3) give small cities their zoning rights back

As the Mayor of Woodlawn Park, I want you to know that I am against the middle housing initiative that will be pushed on our residents that purchased in a single family R- 4 zoned area. I just can't see how our current infrastructure could possibly maintain these types of middle housing that are being proposed. I'm in favor of housing but there must be a better way than to interrupt a single family R- 4 zoned city that's been this way since 1954.

Please do your constituents a favor and vote NO if this proposal comes to the Metro Council for a vote. I read your newsletter weekly and I was surprised not to see much mention of middle housing that may be coming.

Thanks!

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