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**Subject:** Support for St Anne Home Shelter for Girls  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:30:06 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I support having a shelter for young women at the former Sisters of the Living Word property at 800 N Fernandez. I have attended many events there, and my daughter attended the Montessori school that used to be adjacent to the SLW building.

Such a building, in a quiet setting, on a dead-end street, would be an ideal place for young women who have experienced difficulties or abuse. It is a secure building. There is beautiful landscaping, there is adequate parking. I liked the dining area and kitchen, a pleasant gathering space where the young women and staff can gather for meals, community and support.

This is an opportunity for our community to show support and inclusion for all people, including and especially young women faced with difficult life circumstances. A shelter like St Anne's would help young mothers and victims of abuse get established and prepare them for adult life.

You may read this letter at your meeting.

Allison Anderson  
First United Methodist Church of AH  
Faith in Action team  
1804 N Mitchell Ave  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
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To Whom it May Concern:

I urge you to approve the request by Maryville Academy to be allowed to purchase this property so it can provide much needed services to unaccompanied girls and their children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Melby

110 South Evergreen Avenue  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Hubbard, Sam](#)  
**Subject:** Written comment for Plan Commission 6/22/22 re: Maryville Academy  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 12:51:28 AM

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Dear [shubbard@vah.com](mailto:shubbard@vah.com),

I would like to submit a written comment in support of Maryville Academy's proposal for the Plan Commission meeting Wednesday, June 22. My comment is as follows:

My name is Daniel Crusius and I am a lifelong resident of Arlington Heights. I am asking the Plan Commission to approve the Maryville Academy's request to create a shelter for 16 teenage girls who came as unaccompanied minors. I believe in the power of love and this shelter would be a great source of hope and mentorship for these young women who have great promise for this community and nation. Belonging, welcome, and care is who we are as residents of Arlington Heights and Arlington Heights has a lot to offer to these young women. By approving this, you will help change the world for the better and will positively impact the lives of these young women. I want us to be the City of Good Neighbors and we would truly be doing so. This also would fulfill our commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Let us choose love, welcome, and belonging. Let us be Arlington Heights. Please approve this project.

-Daniel Crusius  
204 N. Patton Ave  
Arlington Heights, IL  
60005  
he/him/his

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Eric Hendrickson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:26 PM  
**To:** Hubbard, Sam <shubbard@vah.com>  
**Subject:** Maryville hearing tonight

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Hello Sam

I'm writing this to you as I will not be able to attend the hearing tonight, 6/22, due to having covid.

I, and all the neighbors in our community that I've spoken to, are firmly against the proposal and

zoning change on the property. Three areas of main concern that cannot be overcome:

1. Negative impact to property values
2. Public safety
3. Future use of the site

The proposal is very different from a school for young children. It will negatively impact home values surrounding the property. We were happy living next to the school and considered sending our children there before it went under. The proposal is not something I would want to live next to, or those would want to move into our community.

Maryville has a terrible track record of public safety. Their Des Plaines site has had hundreds of police calls in its time and not something I want in my community. I understand the use at the site will be different, but that isn't permanent and it's still the same company running it. There are many young families and young children that go to preschool and elementary school in the area. Anything that could affect their safety should never be allowed to happen. I'm appalled the city has let it get this far.

I haven't seen anything from the city that would prevent future changes to the site or use. Once Maryville gets in, we are concerned what else the property will be used for that could be even worse for the city. We need to stop this before it even gets to this point.

I understand the rationale and motive behind reviewing this opportunity. However, I am deeply against it in this location and the organization running it. The proposal for residential, single-family homes made much more sense to the surrounding community.

Please ensure this letter is shared with the board. I would expect them and the planning team to do much more outreach with the community than has been done. It feels like Maryville has more say in this than the residents and taxpayers. Let's please fix that.

Eric Hendrickson  
Kaspar Ave

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item for tonight's meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 3:26:58 PM

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Dear members of the Arlington Heights Planning Committee,

I am pleased that you have on your agenda this evening a shelter for young women to help them in their life's journey. They may have experienced neglect and abuse and need compassionate, professional care to help them overcome difficulties they have experienced.

The home that is proposed is in a peaceful, nurturing setting. I understand that it is the former Sisters of Living Word property at 800 N. Fernandez. I am sure the Sisters would have approved of such a legacy for their former property.

Please approve this measure to help these vulnerable young women become productive members of society. It falls within the AH Village Board's promised goal of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Sincerely,  
Jean M. Wood  
1346 Village Drive  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
[REDACTED]

June 25, 2022

Dear Trustees,

We write this email as neighbors who live in very close proximity to the proposed sheltered home at 800 N. Fernandez Ave. We have a 32-year history in the neighborhood, having lived on the 800 N Salem Ave cul de sac and now at Vine and Fernandez, across the street from the property. We have attended the 2 neighborhood meetings (December 21 and April 22) and the VAH Plan Committee meeting (June 22) and have read all supporting documents. In addition, we have reviewed additional materials on supportive housing, property values, crime rates, etc.

After very serious consideration of all the factors, while we applaud the mission of Maryville to provide services and shelter to refugee minors, we cannot support the location of the proposed facility on Fernandez Avenue. The reasons behind our decision are outlined below:

1. There were numerous individuals who attended the Plan Committee meeting on 6/22. Generally, they comprised two groups:
  - a. Near neighbors of the proposed facility who expressed concerns about crime, traffic, property values, and changes to the character of the neighborhood, and
  - b. Others – including those who lived in VAH but not in the immediate neighborhood and those who did not state their residence. Generally, these individuals expressed support of the mission of Maryville, prior positive association with Maryville programs, and agreement with the mission of refugee support programs. The 6/22 meeting appeared to be heavily comprised of individuals who were there at the request of the petitioner (Maryville)
  
2. We do not believe the petitioner has sufficiently established that the proposed facility meets the VAH standard for special use
  - a. “That said special use is necessary for public convenience at this location”
  - b. “That such case will not, under the circumstances of the particular use, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare or persons residing or working in the vicinity” <sup>1</sup>
  - c. “the property will not alter the essential character of the locality”

In documents and presentations, the petitioner has established the need for services and support for the young women they wish to serve. However they have not established why it is necessary in this particular location or that it will not alter the essential character of this locality.

Both the petitioner and the Plan Committee Staff report have suggested that the proposed facility is fundamentally no different than previous entities which occupied the

property - in that it is “institutional”, religious in nature (like the convent of the Sisters of the Living Word), educational (like the former Ridge and NW Suburban Montessori Schools) and provides childcare (like NW Montessori School). We agree that the proposed facility would be institutional, religious, and educational in nature. We strongly disagree that a daytime-only childcare facility for pre-schoolers is equivalent to a 24-hour residential shelter for refugee minors. We join other near neighbors with concerns about potential detrimental effects on traffic and crime.

3. We are concerned about the negative effect the proposed facility will have on property values. We do not believe that the appraiser’s report submitted by the petitioner provides sufficient grounds to allay these concerns. The report was prepared by an assessor known to, and frequently engaged by, the petitioner. The assessor selected 12 homes (6 near and 6 further from a supported housing facility) on the north side of Chicago. For each home, comparisons of 2 sale prices are provided. The assessor calculated a mean annual value increase of 2.89 (near) and 2.85 (far) of the properties. What the assessor failed to note was that the mean value of homes in the Chicagoland area rose considerably more during the same period (7-12%).<sup>2-5</sup> Thus, it could be concluded that these select properties may actually have sold for less than they might have, had they not been in proximity to a sheltered home.

A 2019 report from the Independent Budget Office of New York support sthis conclusion stating “A residence situated within 500 feet of a congregate shelter for adults sold for an estimated 7.1% less than a similar residence sold at a comparable time located 500 feet to 1,000 feet from a shelter for adults.”<sup>6</sup>

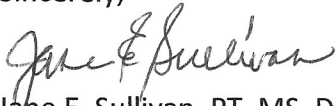
In closing ,at the conclusion of the Plan Commission meeting on 6/24, the Commissioners acknowledged the neighbors concern about property values, but seemed to dismiss the data presented saying “real estate values in Arlington Heights always go up.” It would appear that the individual on the commission who made this statement either failed to acknowledge, or perhaps failed to understand, the data we referenced. Her off the record statement to her colleagues that “you all knew how I was going to vote” further underscored that her decision was not based on the arguments, facts and concerns presented but grew out of a pre-existing bias for this type of shelter. Again, we are not opposed to the concept but simply to it being realized in this particular location at this time.

Our hope is that the full board of Trustees will examine all the data in the context of existing guidelines and make a decision based on current Arlington Heights residents not being put at a financial disadvantage through lost home equity and/or bearing the tax burden for a tax-exempt institution. Simply making an emotional decision based on a wish to be supportive of what is otherwise a good cause is simply not enough.

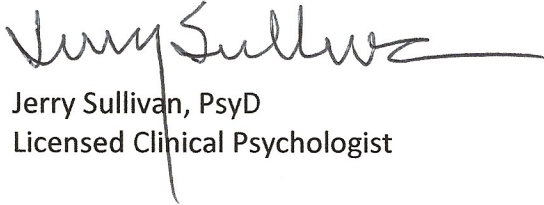
We urge you to give this matter your most serious consideration and vote no on this special consideration request.



Sincerely,



Jane E. Sullivan, PT, MS, DHS  
Professor  
Northwestern University  
Feinberg School of Medicine



Jerry Sullivan, PsyD  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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1. Village of Arlington Heights. Criteria for a Special Use Permit.
  2. <https://learn.roofstock.com/blog/chicago-real-estate-market>
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  4. [https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Chicago\\_IL/overview](https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Chicago_IL/overview)
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** St. Anne Home Shelter for Girls  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:07:15 PM

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To Charles Perkins, Director, Arlington Hts. Planning and Community Development

Dear Mr. Perkins,

Regretably, the Sisters of the Living Word, a wonderful asset to the Village of Arlington Heights, have re-located from their property at 800 N. Fernandez. I've been a 30 year resident of A.H. and I believe that the vacant facility would be an excellent venue for the St. Anne Home Shelter. The grounds are spacious with parking places for employees, and the property has been well maintained over the years that the sisters had their convent on the property. The site seems like a natural for the shelter. Demolition of this facility in the interest of private developers for other projects would not be in keeping with the goals of the Village.

Arlington Heights has always been a community that helps others, and this is a perfect opportunity for our Village to demonstrate that in this era of fear and xenophobia, that it is a welcoming community that not only provides for the well-being and safety of its homeowners and residents, but also recognizes the need for outreach to those who are needing a little extra help during these troubled times.

Please consider granting the special use permit and waiving the traffic and parking study.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Ponce

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Maryville Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:34:34 PM

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Greetings Commission Members

You have a marvelous opportunity to improve the lives of unaccompanied minor girls and their children by approving Maryville's request to purchase the property at 800 N. Fernandez.

I urge you to approve this request and forward it to the Board for approval. Arlington Heights would show how it welcomes all by approving this request.

Thank you for your service.

Elizabeth R. McKay

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Purchase property at 800 Fernandez for unaccompanied minors  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 7:58:33 AM

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Dear Housing Commission,

I urge you to accept the proposal of Maryville Academy to purchase the land at 800 Fernandez for unaccompanied minors. For years this property was the home of a Montessori school with children and parents arriving in cars each day for arrival and pickup. There will be far less traffic with young women with a few children than a whole school of children as was formerly the case. This is another opportunity to reach out to those who need our help and from a faith perspective to show God's love.

Linda Waycie

Member of Southminster Church AH

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**From:** morris girtz <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Sunday, June 12, 2022 7:04 PM

**To:** Hayes, Thomas [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Maryville

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We have been residents of Arlington Heights for 30+ years. My husband and myself have enjoyed the village over the years. We also value a great school system, police department, fire department and etc etc.

We currently are living in Ridge Park, after many years on Campbell Street. Our cul de sac is quiet and quite frankly idyllic. It was brought to our attention 4 to 5 months ago that Maryville was interested in taking over the property at 800 N. Fernandez to bring a 24 hour a day Shelter Care Home. The Home will serve 16 girls and 6 of them will have babies. I do not feel Ridge Park is an area for a Shelter Care Home for 16 females and babies. Already they are looking to waive the parking and traffic requirements for our neighborhood, because obviously many workers will be in and out of the facility everyday and parking will be required on Fernandez Street. This is a single family neighborhood, without apartment buildings and businesses. It is designed for single family residents. I feel that bringing this type of sheltered care to Ridge Park impacts our neighborhood negatively.

We are feeling like there is a hidden agenda that we are not being told about and we would like to know the truth. Where are these 16 females coming from? Maryville has some very tough kids living on their campus in DesPlaines. It is an area that is surrounded by a lot of land, cemeteries and businesses. Not a single family residential neighborhood is close. Will police and fire department be used more, because of physical health or mental health issues? Many questions needs to be answered for all of the honest, hard working, tax paying citizens that pay the bills for our Village. We think it is only fair to be told the complete and honest truth, without exception. We have all worked hard to buy and maintain our homes in AH and to have this pushed down our throats is WRONG.

Are we opening Pandora's box by not knowing the extent of what will happen in the future? What happens if this doesn't work out? Can Maryville be asked to leave?

Please let us know, because will be putting the FOR SALE SIGN UP and leaving Arlington Heights, as will many neighbors.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY.

Jean and Maureen Hanrahan



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** 800 N.Fernandez  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 11:18:14 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to strongly support Maryville Academy's purchase of 800 N. Fernandez for use for a home for immigrant girls and children. I am very familiar with the excellent reputation that Maryville has with youth, and this seems like an ideal location and use for this project.

Please support this,

Mary Kay Walsh  
39 S. Kaspar Avenue  
Arlington Heights, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**MARK L. WALKER**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE · 53<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

June 22, 2022

Chairwoman Dawson and Members of the Plan Commission,

I write to you urging the approval of the St. Anne home proposal before you at your June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

By all accounts, this project meets the merits of approval not only for the Special Use Permit and their requested waiver but also for its purpose. The St. Anne house project will undoubtedly help many young women needing assistance and our Village is a great choice for this project. Not only is this an mission to support, but Maryville has also provided information about how beneficial the proposal will be for the surrounding neighborhood and for Arlington Heights.

Thank you for your service to our Village and, hopefully, for your support of Maryville's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark L. Walker".

Mark L. Walker  
State Representative  
District 53

Cc: Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees  
Village Manager Recklaus



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Anne's Place Shelter for 12-17 year old girls (refugees)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:24:57 AM

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From: Patricia Crusius [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:16 PM  
To: Planning <Planningmail@vah.com>  
Subject: Proposed Anne's Place Shelter for 12-17 year old girls (refugees)

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Dear Plan Commissioners,

I am in favor of allowing the shelter care facility known as Anne's Place (part of Maryville) to use the former site of Sisters of the Living Word (also formerly a Montessori school, and previously, a public elementary school.)

It would be a great place to nurture the girls who have come to our country as refugees. They will go to great schools, have lots of supervision and support to help them learn life skills. They will also help our community live into our aspirations to support diversity, equity and inclusion. The community could be enriched by these new cultural connections.

Since you are asking to waive the traffic or parking requirement, it is my understanding that there were about 50 parking spots and only as many as 15 staff members present at the same time, and the girls would not be driving, so I agree it would not be needed.

I grew up here and still live here as an adult, a parent of 2 young adults in their twenties, and would welcome the opportunity for the Village to help these refugee girls by allowing them to be housed here. We will all be better for doing so. Thank you!

Patricia Crusius  
204 N Patton Ave  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** St. Anne. Home Shelter for Girls  
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Members of the Plan Commission:

As a longtime resident of Arlington Heights, and having lived in the Ridge Park area, I strongly support the approval of the St Anne Home Shelter.

This building is in a perfect location for a small, well-managed shelter for young girls. The Maryville agency is a trusted member of our larger community, and Maryville has been providing housing and care for young people for generations. Catholic Charities/Maryville are trusted, experienced caregivers.

Local residents do not like changes in their landscapes. But we, as a community, have an obligation to expand our definition of neighbors.

I live two doors down from a Clearbrook group home. The conversion of this ranch home into a group home has had little impact on my neighborhood, other than allowing us all to observe how women with developmental disabilities can successfully manage their daily lives with the help of skilled professionals.

A similar lesson could also be learned by the nearby residents of the Ridge Park community.

Please support the St Anne Home Shelter for Girls which provides a safe, leafy, beautiful environment for young women in need.

Robin Paul  
816 N Douglas Avenue  
Arlington Heights  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Maryville project  
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Would like to indicate my support for the proposed Maryville housing project for young immigrant women.

Arlington Heights is a welcoming community and one that supports the values of the American Dream. That dream is exactly what these young determined women are pursuing.

Given the staffing and supervision of these housing arrangements and the long-standing positive reputation of Maryville I believe downside risk to the community is extremely low.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Rosemary Walter  
1933 N Stanton Court  
Arlington Heights, IL  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

June 10, 2022

Charles Perkins  
Director of Planning  
Village of Arlington Heights  
33 South Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

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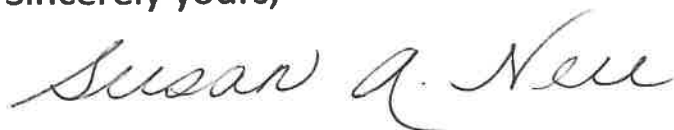
Dear Sir,

Earlier this year, I attended a presentation concerning Maryville Academy's proposal to purchase 800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Heights, IL. I understand that the property will be used as a sheltered care home for girls.

I live just down the street from the said property at 709 N. Kaspar.

I am unable to attend the June 22, 2022, meeting of the Arlington Heights Plan Commission. Therefore, I want to offer this letter in support of granting a Special Use Permit for the existing building at 800 N. Fernandez to be used as a shelter care home for girls.

Sincerely yours,



Susan A. Neu

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Subject:** Unaccompanied girls housing  
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Dear members of the commission,

I wish I could be there tonight to share with you in person how excited I am about this proposal. I visited this property often when it was the home for Sisters of the Living Word. It seems the perfect transition that it provides a home and services for these girls, some of whom have a child of their own. I'm so proud of our village that we've found ways to accommodate those who will benefit from all we have to offer. I'm confident that these girls and their professional caretakers will be good neighbors. And we will be a better community for having them.

Thank you to all of you who serve on the commission. You do an important job for our village.

Best

Sandy Bourseau

151 w wing st

307

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Sent from my iPhone



June 22, 2022

Plan Commission  
Village of Arlington Heights  
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Plan Commission Members,

As a child welfare leader in the northwest suburbs, Shelter, Inc. recognizes the critical needs of young people in our community. Therefore, we are excited that Maryville Academy has chosen to move to the previous Sisters of the Living Word facility in Arlington Heights for unaccompanied minor girls and their children in need.

For 139 years, Maryville Academy has successfully impacted children and families by helping them reach their full potential. As Arlington Heights is committed to supporting all those in our community, regardless of their circumstances, we urge you to welcome the Maryville Academy as they will contribute to our neighborhood ideals and these young people start on a path of support and success.

We urge you to approve Maryville Academy's residency and continue Arlington Heights' dedication to promoting healthy and productive lives. Your service to all is appreciated.

Together in service,

Carina H. Santa Maria, MSW, LCSW  
Executive Director

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Maryville Proposal for teen girls home  
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I have lived in Arlington Heights for over thirty five years and I think that converting the former Sisters of the Living Word at 800 N Fernandez Ave into a shelter for refuge teenage girls is an excellent idea. With all the need that there is for safe, nurturing environment, this is a good start. Our village is a safe community that is an accepting, inclusive, and desires diversity. The residents would attend local schools and receive vocational, language and educational support at the home as well as counseling/therapy and leadership and life skill classes. Each girl would have their own room. House rules would require them to attend school, prepare meals and do laundry. On site there will be a music and art room, computer/homework room and a lounge.

The facility will be staffed 24 hours with up-to six employees during the day and three at night.

This would put to use a vacant building. Thank you for your consideration.

Terri Passolt

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning](#)  
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Members of the Plan Commission,

I urge you to vote yes to support the special use permit for the St Anne Home Shelter for Girls. The proposal looks to be an excellent use for the existing building and will not cause parking or traffic issues to the neighborhood. Just like my 16 year old daughter, these young women deserve to live in a safe location with access to good schools.

Wendy Dunnington  
530 S Chestnut Ave





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**From:** Michael Zaleski 

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**Subject: Commission concerns and Trustee duties - 800 N. Fernandez Ave.**

Greetings Board members and Mayor Hayes,

Thank you for serving our wonderful community with your precious time. I'm 38 years old and have lived in Arlington Heights for 28 of those years, choosing to raise my family at 944 N. Fernandez Ave. Our wonderful block has 10 households with children under the age of 7, and my children are ages 4 & 6.

I am writing with concerns on the governance process on the proposed St. Anne/Maryville home, and what I see as serious missteps from the duties and obligations of our Board members.

- 1) I am tentatively offering to foot the bill for all residents on an independent appraisal or valuation report to supplement Maryville's supplied appraisal.

During the community meeting held by Maryville in April 2022 at the ARC, I asked Maryville if it would be acceptable for the community to engage an independent appraiser and I was told by Kate from Maryville that, "They've used an appraiser for years with lots of letters after his name." This appraiser is confirmed to be the same appraiser who supplied our village the report, and my request was ignored.

I've reached out to various appraisers who said such a report may be against their code and to report the appraiser with the report. That seems to be a petty move, and I believe the right action for the board is to engage an independent appraiser on behalf of the village. I am offering to personally pay this service on acceptable terms and conditions.

I realize this may cost thousands of dollars by myself and yield a similar report, but the village and residents need to know that it's not influenced by a long-term standing relationship with Maryville and the Catholic Church.

For the record, this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt I am inquiring about a non-influenced report and now I am offering to pay for such a report. I challenge the board to give 2-3 alternative options, and I will volunteer my time and report back with a signed contract(s) if acceptable.

2) At the design commission meeting in Village Hall June 22nd, Maryville offered to contractually limit the zoning to 16 girls. This was a "zero cost" option to put language in the zoning limiting the facility to 16 girls. That offer was denied and not pursued further by the design commission. From a resident's standpoint, this language would put more optionality and control in village control with zero risk and hold Maryville accountable.

It was not pursued, and this was free zoning protection with zero cost, and it was turned away.

This comes as a great blunder to our community, as one concern voiced by many residents is that Maryville has expressed that their program is not sustainable without federal government funding. When the government funding terms change, it may be a necessary change from 16 girls.

We had a "zero cost" chance to press pause on changes to Maryville's plans, or inquire more on this in the future, and it was passed over. It may have seemed minor during the meeting, but this may be a negligent misstep on the community's behalf when reviewed further.

3) At the design commission meeting, we had many enthusiastic community members. When they stated their name and address, it turned out that a majority of these community members are over 1 mile away from the proposed variation. Considering N. Fernandez is only 2.5 blocks and dead ends into a cul-de-sac on the South and the Lutheran Village/Home on the North, there is almost no through traffic. Several of these folks were asked either directly or indirectly by Maryville to come

support this proposal, as they did not see the sign or read the board agenda minutes in advance.

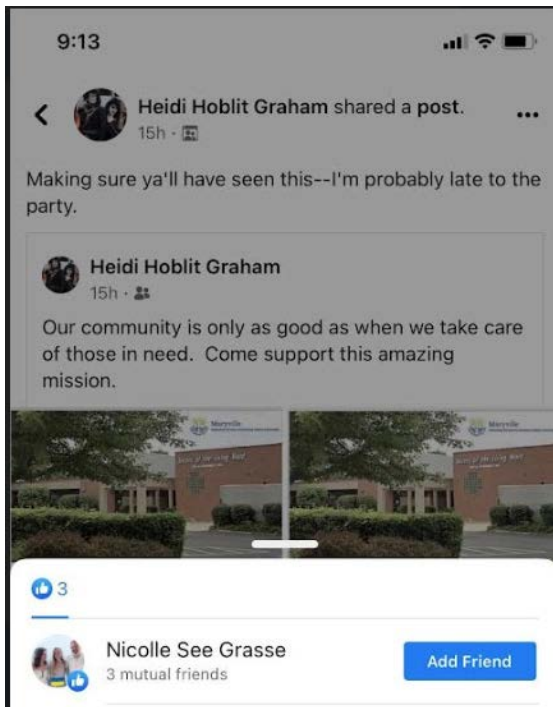
At the next meeting, with the board's permission, I am seeking approval to show a map of the community commentary relative to the proposed St. Anne/Maryville home.

In terms of stakeholders, the most "at stake" residents are being drowned out by residents with no impact from the proposals. They fall outside the appraiser's radius as disclosed, and not to mention have zero impact from the traffic study waived.

I respect community involvement and opinion on matters that involve the village. However, if the board is considering the sheer number of opinions for non-verified residents and where they are relative to location, they are not performing their duties.

The most impacted are the residents within 250 and 500 feet per the notice requirements, and anybody impacted by the appraisal radius. When it comes to safety, value concerns, and visuals – the opinions of residents outside the core radius are to be heard, but weighted less.

4) Lastly, the design commission meeting was supposed to be about compliance with codes and regulations. We have community members with support from Village Trustees to come out and support "the mission" at the meeting, regardless of proximity. The zoning meeting was supposed to be about village code which included safety concerns from the local stakeholders, including those 250 feet away. There are Trustees (below) influencing the outcome supporting people to come support the mission, via a zoning meeting. The Trustee stepped out of bounds here.



As a stakeholder in this proposal and resident, I want good governance and decision making. When those are violated with what can be viewed as sloppy due diligence, potential negligence of duties, and improper influence – I take notice and action.

The village continues to listen to broad agendas and ignore valid concerns and data points from the most local stakeholders most impacted. We have noticed that the village is deviating from good governance, in a very concerning way. I look forward to continuing this process and engagement so that our community can make the best long-term decision.

Sincerely,

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