
From: Rob Soderholm [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:20 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve; Laurie Turpin-Soderholm
Subject: Comments to be added to 10/10/23 Design Commission Meeting

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi Steve,

I just wanted to drop you a note concerning the possible demolition of the home at 716 North Dunton Ave. When I moved into the neighborhood 31 years ago, I was stunned by the remarkable home directly across the street. Majestic, beautiful old brick structure: a jewel in a neighborhood of great old homes. Not only was the home a masterpiece but it sat on an undeveloped plot of land that gave it a parklike feel. I remember thinking that someday there would be two new homes on either side of 716, never dreaming that the day might come when that home would be in jeopardy. But that day has come. Development is one thing but destruction of something so special is a travesty. We need to do everything in our power to save this structure from the wrecking ball.

Thank you for your time,

Rob Soderholm

717 North Dunton Ave.

“Don’t harm the charm. Save 716”

From: Laura Mleko [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:04 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton

Hello

This is a beautiful home with classic features and lines
i hope the developers and Village can come to a compromise and create a home that pays respect to its historical
architecture by remodeling it instead of tearing it down .

Thank you,
Laura Mleko
1112 N Princeton

From: Susan Stefaniak [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 11:23 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N. Dunton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hautzinger,

My name is Susan Stefaniak. I have lived at 829 N. Dunton Avenue for 28 years. I am writing to request that 716 N. Dunton would not be allowed to be demolished but rather be restored/updated. Dunton Ave. is one of the more charming streets in our city and in the Historic Arlington Neighborhood district. This home is an integral part of that charm. I've lived in my home for 28 years and it was built in 1929. We have spent many years maintaining, updating and restoring our home to maintain its historic roots and charm while updating it to be relevant for the way we live today. We don't want to become a street of ugly "McMansions" that are empty shells with no character or longer-term we will lose what is appealing about our neighborhood.

Also of note, the home that was allowed to be built at 903 N. Dunton (on a double lot) is an abomination. It is an extremely modern home that does not fit in with the neighborhood at all. Not only that it is 90% BLACK with extremely ugly brick. I know beauty is in the eye of the beholder - but if we don't keep the bar high for new homes built in Arl Hts - especially on one of the most historic streets in the town - we will lose all control and charm of it in the long term which will ultimately impact the value of our homes and appeal of the town.

Thank you for your service to our community and consideration of this appeal.

Susan

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[REDACTED]

From: Anne Kauff [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 Dunton

[REDACTED]



My name is Anne Kauff and I am an artist living at 916 N. Vail Ave. I believe if any home is historic in the historic district of Arlington Heights it is the amazing house at 716 Dunton Ave. It is a lovely old and has been a subject for my paintings because of it's unique architecture. Dunton Ave has a wonderful variety of home styles and the loss of this house is a loss for the charm and character of our town. If this house goes down is there really any point in having a historic district? Sincerely, Anne Kauff

From: Laura Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 11:14 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Cc: Bill Robinson
Subject: Home at 716 N Dunton Ave

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi Steve,

We are long-time home owners at 828 North Dunton here in Arlington Heights. It has come to our attention that the house at 716 N Dunton is scheduled to be demolished and replaced with new-build construction. We are so, so saddened by this news. We have a deep love and appreciation for the rich history of this beautiful town including its irreplaceable turn of the century homes. In 1995 we purchased our home - a small 2-bedroom Queen Anne bungalow built in 1927. We have renovated and remodeled our house, but have worked diligently to keep it's historic charm. We treasure our home.

The house at 716 N Dunton is, in fact, one of our favorite homes on the street, if not in the entire town. We had joked with one another several years back, that if we had the means and it ever went up for sale, we would love to buy it and renovate it, to let it live on long into the future. I know that we are not alone in our love for this and other old homes in our community. They represent a "feel" that I believe so many people value and are drawn to in this unique, old, well-established town. Our dream is that the village would encourage - perhaps even require - the preservation of homes with so much rich history, like the 716 house.

We implore you to consider thoughtfully our concerns as well as those of many others. The demolition of the 716 house would be an irreversible and devastating decision for this wonderfully historic town. Thank you so much.

Respectfully,

Laura and Bill Robinson

From: Daniel Kauff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton Ave Proposed Teardown

[REDACTED]
To Steve Hautzinger

I oppose the teardown at 716 N Dunton.

My name is Dan Kauff. I have lived at 916 N Vail Ave for 30 years. When I moved here in 1993 there was quite a variety of housing styles and sizes. The neighborhood was designated historic, which brings with it the issue that many of the houses are older and do not have the amenities that people want in houses today. A common conflict is whether to remodel the older house or tear it down and start fresh. I have seen many teardowns over the years that seem to have a commonality of replacing a smaller structure with a larger one that overcrowds the lot. It permanently changes the aesthetic of the neighborhood, not always, but sometimes for the worse.

The same developer has done teardown and overcrowding on both sides of 716 N Dunton, making this house now look a little out of place. I do not believe this strengthens the argument to tear down 716. As an historic home on Dunton, it should be retained. There should be a way to remodel the interior and preserve the exterior to give a marketable house with modern amenities. This type of remodel is in-progress on the corner of N Vail and Elm.

Please reject the requested variance and ask that the house be preserved.

Thank you,

Dan Kauff

From: Joe Sorensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 7:13 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Re: 716 N Dunton Preservation

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Steve,

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. Upon doing further research on the property, it appears that Zillow/Redfin has the wrong year listed. I was able to find the correct PIN on the assessor's website (03-29-115-019-0000) and found that it was built in 1883. While the house is not as old as I originally thought, I still think it is important to preserve a unique building that has been in the village for so long.

Thank you,

Joe Sorensen

From: Joe Sorensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:33 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve [REDACTED]
Subject: 716 N Dunton Preservation



Dear Mr. Hautzinger:

My name is Joe Sorensen and I live with my wife, Leah Sorensen, at 935 N Mitchell Ave in Arlington Heights. We have lived here for over 4 years now and reside in the boundaries of the Historic Arlington Neighborhood Association (HANA), which my wife also serves as a board member. It has come to my attention that the home located at 716 N Dunton was purchased by a developer and has plans to demolish it. I think this is outrageous and I am firmly opposed to this. This home was built in the year 1800 and is still standing today. It is not beyond repair and can be renovated by the developer.

There are not many homes in Illinois that are 223 years old. This home was built only 24 years after the founding of our country, and 87 years before the incorporation of Arlington Heights. In my opinion, this home should be considered a de facto landmark. When moving to our current home, my wife and I specifically chose to live within the boundaries of HANA to its variety, character, and historic homes. Our own home was built in 1950 and was renovated in 2018 by a developer who had the boldness to invest his own time and money into saving this home from the wrecking ball. The same can be done with this home as well. We already have enough million dollar "McMansions" in our neighborhood.

I firmly believe that per the municipal code of Arlington Heights, this home meets all the criteria of significant cultural, historical, architectural, and aesthetic value. It is also a prominent home on both the Memorial Day and Fourth of July Parade route. The parades would not be the same if it were torn down. I implore you and the members of the Design Commission to use the powers granted by the municipal code to deny this teardown. My understanding is that the adjacent lots on this property were already sold to build new homes. I think that is a reasonable compromise, but no further concessions should be given. To lose this beautiful, historic home would be akin to New York City demolishing Pennsylvania Station to make room for Madison Square Garden--a regret that many share. Let us remember the mistakes of the past and not lose this beautiful home forever.

Sincerely,

Joe Sorensen

935 N Mitchell Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



From: Catherine Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:33 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: A Plea to Save Our Italianate Historic Home at 716 N Dunton

[REDACTED]

Design Commission members,

I write to you today with a plea for preservation of the beloved Italianate historic home at 716 N Dunton, with earnest hope that you will consider safeguarding this invaluable piece of architectural history that sits on one of our original main neighborhood streets in Arlington Heights.

This architectural gem, with its graceful arched windows, ornate cornices, and exquisite detailing, represents a masterpiece of design but also serves as a tangible connection to the past, reminding us of the dedication and craftsmanship of those who came before us.

I kindly request that you consider preserving our Italianate historic home as a symbol of our commitment to preserving our community's history and culture.

Thank you for considering this request so that we can protect and cherish this invaluable part of our Village's legacy.

Sincerely,

Cathy Smith
104 E Hawthorne Street
Arlington Heights, IL

From: Susan Skrudland [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:29 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi Steve,

I urge the Design Commission to deny the demolition of the home located at 716 N Dunton Avenue. I believe that this house has significant value to Arlington Heights. It's distinctive style contributes to the architectural diversity of the immediate neighborhood and the unique character of our community. It is a landmark that connects us to our past in a beautiful and relevant way.

Sincerely,

Susan Skrudland
735 N Vail Avenue
Arlington Heights

From: [Cari L. K.](#)
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: 716 N Dunton Ave
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023 12:13:21 PM

To: The Design Commission of the Village of Arlington Heights, IL

We, the concerned residents and community members of Arlington Heights, urge you to exercise your authority under Municipal Code 13.7 to deny the demolition of the historic property located at 716 North Dunton Avenue. The loss of this home would have a significantly negative impact on our neighborhood and our community as a whole.

This charming house stands as a testament to our town's rich history and architectural heritage. Built in approximately 1878, it has witnessed generations come and go, serving as a tangible link to our past. Preserving such historical landmarks is vital for maintaining the unique character that defines Arlington Heights.

By denying the demolition request for 716 North Dunton Avenue, we can protect not only an important piece of our local history but also maintain the distinct charm that draws people to this neighborhood. Here are some compelling reasons why preserving this historic home is crucial:

1. **Architectural Significance:** The house at 716 North Dunton Avenue showcases Italianate design elements that are rare in today's construction practices. Its intricate details and craftsmanship reflect an era when homes were built with care and attention to detail.
2. **Community Identity:** Our neighborhood takes pride in its historical roots, which contribute greatly to its identity and sense of place. Losing this iconic landmark would erode our community's unique character and diminish its appeal for residents and visitors alike.

3. Economic Benefits: Studies have consistently shown that neighborhoods with well-preserved historic properties experience increased property values over time compared to areas lacking such cultural assets (source: National Trust for Historic Preservation). By protecting 716 North Dunton Avenue from demolition, we can help maintain property values in our community while attracting potential homeowners who appreciate living amidst history.

4. Environmental Sustainability: Demolishing buildings contributes significantly to waste generation, energy consumption during construction, and the loss of embodied energy within existing structures. By preserving 716 North Dunton Avenue, we can promote sustainable practices and reduce our carbon footprint.

We understand that progress and development are essential for any community's growth. However, it is equally important to strike a balance between progress and preservation. In this case, denying the demolition of 716 North Dunton Avenue aligns with Arlington Heights' commitment to honoring its past while embracing its future.

We respectfully request that you exercise your authority under Municipal Code 13.7 to protect this historic property from demolition. By doing so, you will not only preserve our neighborhood's character but also demonstrate your dedication to fostering a vibrant community that values its history.

Together, let us ensure that future generations can appreciate the beauty and significance of 716 North Dunton Avenue!

Sincerely,

Cari Klinkenborg
514 N Evergreen Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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From: Ed Macke [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Proposed TearDown for 716 N. Dunton

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Steve, et. al.,

We recently received news that there is a proposed developer teardown of the house located at 716 N. Dunton.

As you know, part of Arlington Heights' charm is its many historic buildings. The house in question is a beautiful home, and has apparently even received state recognition by being listed on the "Illinois Historic Structures Survey".

I'm not sure why they would want to tear down that beautiful home, but if I had to guess I'd say it's to build yet another eyesore "McMansion" that is ridiculously large for the lot and has no historic and little aesthetic value, but makes maximum profit for the developer.

Please help keep Arlington's historic charm and reject the teardown unless the proposed development replaces it with something equally charming, unique, and in keeping with AH's ambiance.

Thanks!
Ed Macke
1016 N Chestnut Ave

From: Donald Hermann [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 10:13 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Possible tear down - 716 N Dunton

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To Whom it may concern;

After reading about the request for another tear-down in the historic part of Arlington Heights, i decided to follow the suggestion and make my feelings known to you.

i have lived in Arlington Heights my whole life - first on So. Walnut and now on No. Chestnut in the HANA neighborhood. I've always admired the way folks have kept up their property and made minor changes to the older homes to maintain the charm and keep them looking so beautiful. Some of that neighborhood 'charm' is being lost as huge homes are built on relatively small lots after tear-downs. This home certainly is a beautiful image of older Arlington Heights and obviously is not an eye-sore. I remember my uncle, who lived in the area, saying that he knew the woman who lived there and she so hoped it would not be torn down after she was gone.

Let's work to maintain the historic and yes, 'charming' look of old Arlington Heights as long as it is not an eyesore, which this definitely is not.

Thanks for listening,

Marilyn (Meyer)Hermann

From: John Petrovski [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton

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Per VAH Municipal Code 13.7 item C, the Design Commission has the power and responsibility to deny a request to tear down a home that is considered to have significant cultural, historical, architectural or aesthetic value.

This home is exceptional and enhances the character and culture of AH. Surely there are many many other homes in AH that a developer can scrape and make a profit on. I ask that you protect this one.

John Petrovski 60 year resident of AH.

Sent from my iPad

From: Karen Cullotta [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N. Dunton

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Dear Mr. Hautzinger,

I am reaching out today to strongly urge village officials to deny the pending permit request for demolition of the historic home at 716 N. Dunton Ave. As a proud longtime resident of the village, and the owner of a century old home, I am saddened and disheartened by the uptick in demolitions of historic homes in the village. Most recently, a circa 19th century farmhouse on my block was torn down and replaced by a modern structure with an architectural style that appears better suited for an industrial park. Hence, I'm puzzled why the village feels the need to acquiesce to the design plans of builders and architects who seem to have no appreciation nor understanding of the importance of preserving the history and architectural integrity of the community. Of course, short of national landmark status, I realize it is technically not "illegal" for these demolitions to take place, nor can the village prohibit a contractor from purchasing these historic properties. Nonetheless, like many historic towns across the U.S., the village can create financial incentives for buyers who are interested in preserving and renovating, rather than demolishing, historic homes. Indeed, given the rash of tear downs in the HANA neighborhood in recent months, these demolitions are not only erasing the history and architectural integrity of the community, but also eliminating many of the village's more affordable starter homes, often making it impossible for first time buyers who were born and raised in Arlington Heights to raise their own families in their hometown.

Above all, I hope you understand that the emails and petition related to the preservation of the historic home at 716 N. Dunton Ave. was prompted by a deep pride, love and respect for our hometown, not discontent with village leaders, especially our devoted public servants. Later this month, I invite you to witness the joy and enchantment on the faces of the families trick-or-treating on Dunton Avenue - a Halloween tradition due in large part to the neighborhood's gracious historic homes. Please do what you can to ensure these historic homes are not destined for demolition, and on the contrary, can remain the jewels in the crown of our wonderful village.

Thanks for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

From: Monica Lang [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 10:58 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton tear down

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Thank you for advising us of actions in the Historic District where we have lived for 42 years. While we appreciate the significance of historical properties, the commission may not understand the scope of maintaining one of these properties. We would not want to block any attempt by an owner to establish another home on the site that they own. 716 N Dunton was identified as exceptional in 2004. A lot of maintenance must have been incurred since then. The property picture shows that it is tired and in need of attention. Our home is on the corner of Chestnut and Oakton. We are forever fixing and improving every facet of our home that was built in 1947. We sympathize with the homeowners who want to redesign their living arrangements. We should support them with their petition. Any plan would still have to be approved by the building commission. Our area is evolving very nicely with the process to have a plan complimentary to the neighborhood approved prior to permitting. Let them have their dream.

The Langs
1019 N Chestnut
Arlington Heights IL 60004

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathleen Lynde [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 9:11 AM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton

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Good Morning,

We live at 608 N Dunton Ave, a home once owned by the Leutschwager Family. Some of Arlington Heights first residents. Our home was built in 1894 and we are the second family who has owned our home.

When we bought our home in the HANA neighborhood in May of 2016 we were committed to the integrity of the neighborhood and the pride the original home owners took in maintaining its ornate woodwork and characteristics. Our home had not been updated since the 1960's and we took on a major internal renovation. We kept original doors, baseboards, and trim. We since have resided and redone the porch all with the basis of keeping the house's original intent. We walk around our neighborhood in awe of the way our neighbors have taken historical houses and made them thrive in a time of teardowns and shifts in economic status in Arlington Heights.

By tearing down 716, you are not only sending a message to neighbors that the way they upheld the integrity of their properties doesn't matter but compromising the way that the HANA neighborhood differentiates itself from the other neighborhoods in Arlington Heights.

If neighbors want a teardown, have them go elsewhere in AH. Please keep HANA historical!

Thank you for your time.

Proud HANA neighbors,
Casey and Kathleen Lynde

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Kathleen S. Lynde

From: Marcia [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:50 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Dunton house

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Hello,
I live on Highland Ave, and appreciate all of the different styles of houses. That said it saddens me that the older house between the 2 new ones will be demolished. Living in the Hana District is very special, and I wonder, at some point, what is the need or purpose of the Hana Historical district if all the historical buildings are gone.

Marcia Bowen
922 N Highland Ave

From: Leslie Marquard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Dunton teardown

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Dear Tom,

I just read about the proposal to tear down 716 N Dunton. As a developer myself, I can understand why tearing down a structure is more economically viable and even more feasible to build a home that today's buyers want. However, it is not the way to go in this case. I live in HANA myself and driving around, I see very little (and ever shrinking) evidence that HANA has any historic properties left in it. I'm not sure why it is even designated historic. It's more of a mid-century-modest-homes, mixed with giant-new-edifices-that-do-not-reflect-anything-historic sort of area. This particular property I have never entered myself, but if it is one of 38 such properties, do you really want there to be 37? When will it be 36?

I have restored plenty of run down or old and outdated properties, and even won a historic preservation award in Evanston for saving a historic house that had suffered a bad fire. Tearing that down would have been easy, and even recommended, but we didn't. Now, it is set for the next 100 years with a family that loves it and is taking great care of it. If you buy a designated house, you should not expect to tear it down. Buy a different house. (I would have bought this one had I known about it.)

While I am not the owner of 716 N Dunton, and don't know the situation the developer who does own it is in, I just don't see the point in tearing down such a rare and special brick home in HANA. What would be better is for the developer to use a little vision and redevelop the house to be even more spectacular than it is, and let it live on. HANA otherwise, might soon need to be renamed.

Blessings on your important work in our village,

Leslie Marquard
315 W Vine St
[REDACTED]

From: Cyd Petrovski [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Please do not allow 716 N Dunton to be torn down

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Dear Steve Hautzinger,

I live in the Arl Hts HANA neighborhood a few blocks from 716 N Dunton red brick Victorian house. On Oct 10 your committee will decide whether to allow it to be torn down. Please DO NOT allow this cultural treasure to be torn down. I actually have a painting of this house in my living room. This home is so beautiful and unique. I'm sure the owner could update it and sell it for a good profit.

Thank you,
Cynthia Petrovski
729 N Mitchell Ave
AH IL 60004

From: Scott Anstandig <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 716 N. Dunton - Please act to protect this historic home!

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Mr. Hautzinger,

As a resident of the HANA neighborhood (715 N. Mitchell Ave.), please deny the contractor request for a demolition at 716 N. Dunton.

I have spent my career working for and with architects, engineers, and preservationists-- their passion for design has given me an appreciation for design and history; it would be an absolute shame that the public at large would be denied yet another opportunity to appreciate what makes our neighborhood and Village so special. I'm all for "progress" but the contractor will find another opportunity to profit elsewhere under more appropriate circumstances.

HANA is quite literally losing its history, one home at a time. Furthermore, families like mine are being priced out of this beautiful neighborhood. I don't understand what young families can afford the homes being built and priced at \$800k+ with each new home that is constructed at the site of a tear-down.

My wife and I purchased our home in 2013 as one of the least expensive "move-in ready" homes in the neighborhood. When we had children, we renovated while preserving the integrity of our 1944 home. We now get to enjoy a lovely home and all the benefits of living in a family-oriented neighborhood with access to all that downtown AH has to offer.

Simply put, we would be extremely hard pressed to afford a home in HANA today, and that's simply not fair to the diversity of families and lifestyles we should be attempting to attract to the HANA district.

Best,
Scott Anstandig
[REDACTED]

From: Matt Shimkus [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 4:23 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: 716 N Dunton

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Mr. Hautzinger, as a resident of the HANA district, I am in support of tearing down 716 N Dunton and allowing a new home to go in that maintains historical design elements. While I appreciate the historical value of the home, I also appreciate that the design board has a track record of properly balancing progress and modernity with an acknowledgement to the past. This house needs a major update and I'm glad to know someone is willing to make that investment. I understand my opinion runs contrary to the HANA board.

Thank you.

Matt Shimkus
918 N Mitchell Ave

From: Melissa Turner [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:44 PM
To: Hautzinger, Steve
Subject: Demolition of home at 716 N. Dunton

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Dear Mr Hautzinger,

I am writing in opposition of the demolition of the historic home at 716 N Dunton ahead of the public hearing on 10/10/2023.

Allowing the demolition of a functional, aesthetically unique historic home for the purposes of new construction in a **historic neighborhood** is extraordinary short sighted and tragic for the Hana neighborhood, and the village of Arlington heights at large.

Preserving the few historic homes in our neighborhood is vital to maintaining the character and identity of our community.

Historic homes are not just pretty structures, they are the namesake of Hana. Keeping them intact preserves our sense of identity, connection to the past, and positively impacts the property values and desirability of our neighborhood.

If this demolition is requested by residents our neighborhood, I would respectfully hope that they reconsider and renovate rather than demolish their home. My 110 year old home would likely be considered historic, and be worth significantly more to me and our neighborhood if the renovations made in the 60's had preserved rather destroy all signs of its age and origin. We need to learn from mistakes made.

If this is a builder looking to place a 4,000 square foot home onto a nice piece of land, we have many more non-historic homes and lots in the neighborhood than historic ones. It cannot be the position of a village that historic homes in historic neighborhoods can be torn down at will, or we will no longer be the historic area, and frankly the MAAH (McMansionville area of Arlington Heights) just doesn't have the same ring to it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Melissa Turner, MD
HANA resident
Arlington Heights business owner (60005)