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Comments from Neighbors (phone calls and meetings)

Mike Apple(613 N. Fifth) – likes garage is not facing street, would like to incorporate a porch and we should try to engage with the street for the benefit of the neighborhood.

Robert Kennedy(519 N. Fifth) – thinks its going to be a nice upgrade and thinks it's a good project.

Christine Crockett(Old 4th Ward) and Ray Detter(downtown area citizens' advisory board) – do not like the project feels is does not work with the neighborhood. They want to preserve the sense of scale and character with the neighborhood. They suggested the owner change project to just a duplex. Feels design is insulting to the street with owner's at the rear of the lot- this was prior to revisions. They had a lot of issues(many tied to other projects in town). Ray and Christine were very against the project and didn't want to hear the reasoning for the project or understand the owner's position. They said the owner didn't seem like they wanted to live in this neighborhood because of design approach.

Barbara and Edward Lynn(511 N. Fifth-next door neighbor): They questioned the size of project(comparing the units to the size of their home). They are concerned it will become a student housing development with lots of beds in each of the bedrooms. We explained that it is not the owner's intention. Owners would like to occupy and use the two rental units as income to sustain living at this residence. We have met with this couple 2 times and the second time they better understood the design. Ed and Barbara now understand the owner's position better and what other options the owner has.