ITEM 65

Rauh, Diane I.

Emails received before May 20, 2019 at 3:15 PM

From:

JOSEPH PARKER <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 3:15 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I've waited to write this message knowing that you had all heard from my spouse (and favorite person) Betsy Parker who vocalized our support. Betsy and I have talked to everyone we know about the proposed project across the street from or home, and I have not heard one negative comment that could not be answered to a satisfactory degree by looking at the PUD and the Planning and Zoning committee's recommendations. The friends and neighbors I have spoken with about the project were able to understand the vision Jeff is offering for this project, and the excitement I've seen is palpable. Once the tax implications are mentioned (The fact that this land has not been a tax revenue producing site, and now will be to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually) the excitement grows! We've also encouraged them to write you all to vocalize their support. I hope those e-mails all found you, and that you were as excited as I am by the involvement at such a personal level!

I have yet to hear from a council member that is opposed to this project with an idea that will cost the city no dollars and produce a tax revenue that is like the one anticipated based on valuation. I have heard that some would prefer housing to be built on the property. No builder would take on that cost without incentives that would cost the tax payers money over time. I have also heard concerns about things that are addressed in the PUD and recently I read a proposal to limit this business in ways that are not used on any other venue in the city. These recommendations are at best exaggerated, considering there is not a current model anywhere that would have ongoing events past 2 AM in the Des Moines metro, and fear mongering at worst, the owner of FJH has been a great neighbor since his purchase, and I anticipate him being a great neighbor going forward. These facilities do not prosper in neighborhoods in other cities without the neighborhood wanting them there.

I urge all City Council members to vote in favor of this project as each of the neighborhood associations has done. Merle Hay is on board, Waveland Park is on board, Beaverdale is on board. If you represent one of those neighborhoods you should vote the wishes of your constituents and vote to approve.

This is not a new idea, or novel attempt at something that has never been tried. I know you all know that by now as you've done your research and homework on the project. If you are voting to oppose this plan in this space I would urge you to share your research with all your constituents. Which city did you contact where a plan like this failed? Which neighborhood did you speak within another city where this caused a decrease in value to the homes around it? Where did you find your research to show why this would not be a positive to the city, its neighborhoods, and its community? If you do not have any sources or examples, then your vote to oppose is a vote to impede proven progress, and I have serious reservations about trusting you as my representative.

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From:

Nathan Green <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 11:44 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I would like to encourage the city council to vote yes to this rezoning of Franklin Jr High. I am the musical director of Harmony Central Chorus and have been able to utilize the facility for rehearsal and performances. I also direct a second ensemble, Vox Infinitus, looking for a location to call home for rehearsals and performances. We have performed at Franklin for events. I have children in arts programs seeking a place to rehearse and perform for friends and family and am encouraging such programs to connect with Franklin Jr High. Jeff has a great vision that is supported by what he has already done with the facility. His commitment to building community and utilizing the facility for the betterment of the community is evident in all he has done and is continuing to do. A facility like Frankilin Jr High can be so valuable to the community and non-profit community organizations like ours. Having a place like this that Is centralized in the metro, safe for our members, and connected culturally is critical to the success of groups like ours seeking to bring people together for the betterment of the community.

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From:

Tina Wilkins <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 11:31 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P., Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Council Members,

I have been a home owner in the Waveland Park neighborhood for 15 years. I am very excited to see the Franklin Jr High project to become a reality. This is a asset for our city and my neighborhood. They currently support our neighborhood by providing meeting space and allowing the association to store our annual egg hunt supplies. There's a true sense of community from the owners and staff.

I sincerely hope the council will approve this project.

I unfortunately I'm unable to attend the council meeting today. If you have any questions feel free to contact me directly via email or phone 991-0707.

Best Regards,, Tina Wilkins

1238 47th Street 38paddle@gmail.com

From:

Vicki Refshaw <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 11:01 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'm a member of Harmony Central Chorus and we have just moved our rehearsal site to the Franklin Jr. High. It is an environment that inspires our growth in the arts community and provides the venues for our performances.

We're excited to be in a place that we feel like we can call "home".

There are so many wonderful opportunities at Franklin Jr. High and the future looks exciting. Please consider all the good that can come in your decision tonight.

Thank you!

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From:

Joyce Sharp <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 10:53 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diáne I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to allow rezoning of the Franklin Jr. High for development! It is a great way to use this space that was abandoned first by the school system and then by the Church. For those who feel it would be disruptive to the neighborhood, I would say that it couldn't be any more disruptive than the traffic problems caused when the church & school occupied this space, and they also had frequent evening activities.

Any development that will increase the tax base should be seriously considered. After decades of being a tax-exempt property, here is an opportunity for much-needed revenue for our Community!

Thank you for your consideration - Joyce Sharp

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From:

eric bickel <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 10:33 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am for the rezoning of the Franklin Jr high to allow for the proposed project to proceed. I believe this will be good for the neighborhood. If you note my address, I live 1 block away from the building.

Thank you Eric Bickel

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From:

Mark Gruber <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 10:16 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Assets to a community are not the amazing structures as much as the offering of what people can do together in such a structure.

So much potential, but only if we say YES together. Franklin stages and studios are a great opportunity. Let's not offer caution but instead say YES to what makes community.

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From:

Jennifer Vermeer <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 10:15 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'd like to write in support of the Rezoning for Franklin jr high. I think it provides needed investment in the property and brings an exciting new type of venue/ project to the west side of Des Moines. I'm a Parent of Roosevelt kids and there are events we'd like to host (such as a show choir competition) that would bring needed revenue to support our school programs that the Roosevelt facility is not able to host due to limitations of the building. Franklin would provide a perfect option for those events and the Franklin team has been very supportive to the schools in helping make an event like that happen. It is a great use of the space/building, it's a needed project, and the leaders will be good neighbors. Therefore, I'd like to express support for approving the rezoning.

Sincerely, Jennifer Vermeer

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From:

Charles Chedester <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 10:09 AM

To:

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Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I and my neighbors have been excited to see the Franklin Jr High project come to fruition! We have visited with many of the people involved and have had many discussions on the potential neighborhood benefits as well as the potential challenges. It is my/our opinion that the neighborhood stands to greatly benefit from the community focus of the redevelopment/rezoning. I/we greatly appreciate your vote to help our aging neighborhood get a needed face lift and mini revitalization through this privately funded project.

Thanks so much, Charlie Chedester & Family

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From:

Missy Keenan <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 9:46 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing in support if the Franklin Junior High project. I've sought out Mcmenamins venues many times while visiting the Pacific Northwest and look forward to bringing a similar property to my neighborhood for family fun. Franklin Avenue is so underutilized and has many empty buildings that are a blight on our community. I believe Franklin Junior High would help revitalize the neighborhood and attract people to the area. It will be an important tax revenue generator for our city. It will likely spur additional economic activity in the area. I look forward to having visiting friends and family stay at the hotel. To having a concert venue in walking distance from my home. To the beauty that their gardens will bring to my daily walks. To enjoying the soaking pools. To having a place to stop for a snack before or after visiting the library with my son. Please help make this opportunity a reality for our city and vote yes for Franklin Junior High!

1317 44th St., Des Moines IA 50311 missykeenan@gmail.com

From:

Melanie H Sadeghpour <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 9:51 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello. I would like to register my comments in favor of the Franklin Junior High development project. It is a wonderful space that is being put to very limited use at this point. This project would revitalize not only a largely vacant space, but also the entire Franklin neighborhood. Yes, more business would increase traffic in the area. But that traffic brings with it economic vitality. So many shops are struggling or have given up along this stretch of road. The increased movement through the area, including those staying in the hotel space, would provide a much needed boost to the businesses in this neighborhood.

I've stayed at the model projects in the Portland area, and the experiences were wonderful, memorable, and unique. Adding a venue of this type to Des Moines could bring us even further as a destination to visit as well as a place to live, to recreate, and to enjoy. I for one am greatly looking forward to spending time at this new Des Moines feature.

Please contact me with any questions. Regards, Mel Sadeghpour

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From:

· Elise Mullen <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 9:16 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the Franklin Jr High project and think it would be good for the neighborhood. It is bad enough the Mercy building across the street from the school is boarded up and vacant - we don't need another large building left vacant to become a blight in the neighborhood. And I always support repurposing existing structures vs tearing down, especially when they have historical significance to the area like the school does. I also look forward to events that may be held in the auditorium, and new restaurants - all that would be within walking distance! Please allow this project to move forward!

1919 53rd St, Des Moines 50310 elise.mullen@gmail.com

From:

Emma Walsmith <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 9:10 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello!

I am writing to share my sincere excitement for what is being proposed re: Franklin Jr High.

As a local business owner, I am very interested in moving the Tikly office into Franklin Jr High once it is rezoned and office space is made available. I think it will be an incredible addition to the immediately surrounding community but have a positive butterfly effect throughout the metro area.

I believe that Jeff Young and his team will be great stewards of the space and work well with their neighbors and build value for everyone involved.

This is an exciting opportunity for Des Moines - please lend your support toward the proposed use of Franklin Jr High. It is a good thing.

Sincerely, Emma Walsmith Founder/CEO Tikly, Ilc

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From:

Jessica Crawford <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 8:15 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Mayor Cownie and Council Members,

I'm writing in support of the Franklin Junior High development project! When I first read about the foundational ideas of the project, my immediate reaction was pride - how great that Des Moines is prioritizing bringing exciting new concepts to neighborhoods around our city! I attended a concert in the venue last weekend and not only was it a great space for the show, the history and stories of the building were surrounding you as you entered; what a wonderful next step for this beautiful space. This would be an innovative venue that would bring people to Des Moines and to Franklin and would fill a need not currently met in that neighborhood or area. This venue would also give business owners who might not be ready to take on the full burden of overhead in opening their own space, a change to make a go for it and bring something wonderful to our city! I encourage you to vote 'yes' in support of this project and thank you for your support!

Best,

Jessica

Clark St. jesslcrawf@gmail.com

From:

Pylar M Eaton <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 20, 2019 8:11 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

The City needs this. Franklin jr. high is a beautiful building that needs to remain in our community. If someone is willing to put money and time into keeping it up and running, we need to support it whole-heartedly.

711 44Th Street pylareaton@gmail.com

From:

Sue Renfrow <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 11:09 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am in full support of Item #54 on the DSM City Council Agenda dated May 20, 2019 - We Can Build It, Jeff Young, Officer.

What an unbelievably great opportunity for the City of Des Moines to offer such a wonderful Venue and Community-based Center in which to grow cultural and artistic experiences for so many people, families, children and all those who believe these experiences should reach "every corner" of our city.

Please carefully consider what a positive experience this proposal will have and the earnestness of those supporting We Can Build It.

Thank you,

Sue Renfrow

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From:

Carla Cardamon Wood <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:07 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I went to Franklin from 1974-1976. Best teachers and best school ever. The neighborhood needs to maintain the traditional environment. A boutique hotel/ restaurant/ lounge would be perfect. Especially the concert hall. Please pass zoning ordinances

9000 NW 73rd Place, Johnston gizmochef@aol.com

From:

David Zach <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:38 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please support the Franklin Junior project. Hive in the neighborhood and we need investments from the private sector. Our neighborhood iss teeting on headed trashy or headed to someplace amazing. Please support this hotel city council!

1816 60th St daviddouglaszach@gmail.com

From:

Beth Wilson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:36 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This visionary project is a win for the neighborhood and for the city. Repurposing a beautiful building, injecting energy in what could become a destination corridor for area residents. Please support!

Beth Wilson

Beaverdale bethwilsonhere@gmail.com

From:

Elaine Imlau <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:23 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a resident of the Waveland Park area I very enthusiastically support the renovation of Franklin Junior High into a multi-use commercial facility. I urge all of you on the council to vote yes so the project can commence.

1340 45th St Eimlau@icloud.com

From:

Christine Manbeck <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:19 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Double thumbs up to this project.!!! Great for the neighborhood and our city!!

675 Harwood Drive ckmanbeck@ecity.net

From:

Wendy Hieb <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:15 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing in support of rezoning for the redevelopment of Franklin Junior High. I live on 48th street a couple blocks from the former school/church. I fully support its transformation into an event center, bar, restaurants, hotel, offices, etc. This part of town could use a shot of life and new development. We cannot take another rundown building deteriorating year after year like the adjacent Mercy behavioral health building. I have toured the former school and I see how their plans work well with the existing layout of the building. No developer could afford to demolish and landfill the building or work against its layout. The cost would be far too high. Environmentally it is always best to repurpose such well built structures. I understand the changes will bring more traffic, people, and occasional noise to my street. I welcome bringing some life to the neighborhood. Also, the only time people drive slower on 48th street is when there is an event forcing more street parking, so I would welcome more parked cars. I also appreciate the efforts to improve the landscaping and hope that some of it will also improve the site's storm water retention. This is a neighborhood headed downhill without the redevelopment of the unused buildings. I'm afraid if you do not vote for this project the building will sit empty for years, bringing down property values and contributing nothing to the tax base. I have lived I my house for 13 years and have spent tens of thousands of dollars on improvements. I finally feel like there is an opportunity to lift the entire neighborhood. The only developments I have seen thus far have been senior housing. We need something with more energy. Several years ago a friend of mine traveled to Calgary, Alberta and stayed in a hotel that was a former school. I still remember how she raved about the hotel. What hotel has hardwood floors and high ceilings anymore? She loved that they left the chalkboard and pencil sharpener. It clearly left a good impression. Why not allow a cool redevelopment in my neighborhood rather than putting everything downtown? Please vote to tomorrow to approve the rezoning and site plans. The sooner we can get this started the better!!!

1611 48th St wskye22@yahoo.com

From:

Patrick Van Nice <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:16 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am a resident of Des Moines for 20 years. My wife and I raised our 2 children ion Beaverdale and actually at one time lived on Franklin Ave. Just today (Sunday May 19th) we went to a concert at Franklin Jr High sponsored by Central lowa Music Lab. Kids in middle school and high school put on a School of Rock type event in the auditorium. I was very impressed with the building. While there today we witnessed at least three different types of events going on at the same time. Clearly the community is benefiting from the use of this building.

I am asking the Des Moines City Council to approve the rezoning of the Franklin Jr High School to allow for offices, a restaurant, the boutique hotel, event and concert spaces, and improving the exterior landscaping. I am asking the Council to approve this rezoning so the tax revenue it generates goes to the city. It would be great to take one property and change it from exempt from paying taxes to a full fledged tax paying business.

And the developer is not asking for any kind of city aided financing.

Please vote YES! on May 20th at the council meeting. Patrick Van Nice Des Moines resident

2880 Grand Ave Apt 211, Des Moines, IA 50312 patrick.van.nice@gmail.com

From:

Nicholas Mertes <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:09 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We are writing in support of the Franklin Jr. High rezoning request. This project will be a great addition to the neighborhood and we are excited to see the development move forward. Thank you,

Nicholas and Jill Mertes

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From:

Charvl Barr <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 18, 2019 6:33 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear City Council,

I am a member of the Harmony Central Chorus in Des Moines. We are a women's barbershop chorus affiliated with Sweet Adelines International. My chorus has found a home at Franklin. We are renting space in Franklin and have used the small auditorium for several all day rehearsals and a mini show this Spring. We are very excited with the vision and plans that are being made to renovate a beautiful building and use for the good of the community and the arts. There aren't many places in Des Moines that share our vision of growing and being a part of this wonderful community. Franklin has opened it's doors and invited us to be apart of there vision. Please, please consider approving the zoning for Franklin. I have faith in the owner that he will do what he has planned. This will bring revenue to our city when the renovations are completed.

Thank you for your Consideration,

Charyl Barr

PO Box 268 Berwick IA, 50032 cjwtenor@msn.com

From:

Sherri Householder <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 18, 2019 4:59 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please approve rezoning for Franklin Jr High. I believe they'll be a responsible neighborr and their multi-use plan for the facility will be good for the neighborhood and the city.

706 Polk Blvd Sihouseholder@hotmail.com

From:

Amanda Riordan <amanda.l.riordan@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 18, 2019 2:49 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Councilmembers,

I am writing today as a community member in support of the proposed rezoning plans for Franklin Junior High.

I have attended an open house for the space, and my daughter's Perkins Elementary concert was held there last fall. The plans for the space fit the needs of our neighborhood perfectly.

In a highly trafficked and prime location, that intersection is desperately in need of revitalization. We need diverse, quirky spaces in Beaverdale, and the proposed plans have the endorsement of all three adjacent neighborhood associations.

I urge the board to approve rezoning plans for Franklin Junior High.

Thank you, Amanda Riordan 1523 43rd St. Des Moines

From:

Kristine Crisman <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:45 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Moving forward with Franklin Jr High becoming a PUD will be great for all surrounding neighborhoods. We need something new and vibrant on this end of Franklin Ave. As a homeowner in the area I look forward to visiting the new establishments at Franklin. I have family that come visit from out of state often and having a hotel in walking distance would be awesome along with some shopping and a bite to eat will give people a chance to really enjoy our neighborhood.

Making use of an already existing building and holding on to its history is a win win for everyone

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From:

Vicki Warrick <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 7:41 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am a member of Harmony Central Chorus a part of Sweet Adelines International. We have been using Franklin Jr. High as a rehearsal site since March, 2019. It is great to have a place where we can store all of our possessions and have an auditorium in the building we can use for performances. Please vote yes on rezoning Franklin Jr. High.

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From:

Susan Cory <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 4:14 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Being in the Beaverdale neighborhood, I'm very excited for the development of Franklin Junior High. I think it is an excellent opportunity to bring a unique and forward thinking project to the neighborhood. It will be an attractive and enjoyable space for both neighborhood residents as well as all in the surrounding communities and will bring in visitors from outside our metro area as well. Wonderful to see a vacant building put to use in a creative way that also holds onto the historic and nostalgic elements of the space. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for growth in the neighborhood and Des Moines.

1604 BEAVER AVE peejo2000@mchsi.com

From:

Kay Bromert <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 3:42 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Mr. Mayor and Des Moines City Council,

Please vote "yes" on May 20 to rezone the property at 48th and Franklin from church and school use to a planned unit development. I sing in Harmony Central Chorus, and we rent space in the building for our rehearsals, as well as using the auditoriums for our performances. Rezoning it will help to preserve the history of the school, as well as utilize the elements of the building.

Thank you for your consideration. Kay Bromert, Harmony Central Chorus Member

7047 Oak Brook Drive kbromert55@gmail.com

From:

Katie True <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 1:53 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am new to the area and have been very impressed with the Beaverdale neighborhood. We started with a rental and being indifferent on staying in Des Moines. In seeing Des Moines' growth and Franklin Jr High's potential to bring a venue for entertainment, a place to have an office space, shop at a boutique, enjoy a meal, and even a hotel for family and friends who visit, I couldn't think of anywhere more ideal to buy a home. This project has brought so much excitement and promise, and is exciting to watch the building thrive instead of sit empty. I have had the pleasure to watch Lucius there last week and was pleasantly surprised by the sound and can't wait to see more to come! I am in complete support of Franklin Jr High and the small business owners who would occupy its space. We have decided to buy in the area because of the energy and potential growth we have seen with this project.

1628 44th Street Des Moines, IA 50310 katietrue@yahoo.com

From:

Lucas Schryver <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 12:57 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

The redevelopment of Franklin Junior High would be an incredible asset for the greater metro area and central lowa. There are not many occasions where one has the opportunity to meld new developments of this scale with established neighborhoods in a way that doesn't look contrived and encourages interaction with the space. I urge you to support this project and others like it to bolster Des Moines' urban momentum. That momentum is a high-impact tool helping to attract the nation's current and next generation of workers.

luke@greenproducts.com

From:

Darrell Sarmento < director@dsmwestside.org >

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 12:14 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

West Side Chamber Support of Franklin R. High

Attachments:

DSMWSC Support - Franklin Jr. High Project.docx; DSMWSC Support - Franklin Jr. High -

Project.pdf

Greetings Mayor and City Council,

Please see the attached letter indicating our support for the proposed rezoning of Franklin Jr. High. This letter comes from our Board of Directors. Thank you for you consideration. Happy to answer any questions.

Thanks for your leadership,

Darrell Sarmento Executive Director

Please note my new email address is: director@dsmwestside.org

Des Moines West Side Chamber of Commerce

558 28th St. Des Moines, IA 50312 Phone: (515) 850-1847 Director@DSMwestside.org www.DSMwestside.org



From:

Sheryl Neal <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 12:16 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

The proposed plan for revisioning and renovating Franklin Jr High deserves your support. I am a member of Harmony Central chorus, and I am so excited about the future of this venue. It will be a great community gathering space, available for live performances as well as rehearsals, meetings and other events. My chorus is already renting a rehearsal space in the building and we are thrilled to have a home that allows collaboration with other artists in the community. Beyond my personal appreciation, I'm excited about the other future plans for the space.

Please vote yes to approve the proposed plan!

901 44th Street, West Des Moines IA 50265 sherylneal1@gmail.com

From:

Christine ET Marchand <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 12:00 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We own property in Des Moines and know this will help with property values and bring new people to the area. Additionally, I'm in a chorus that utilizes this space and look forward to many home-stage shows in the auditorium! This is just a great opportunity to support the arts in all its forms and provide a venue that will draw in people from outside Des Moines. The rezoning to help this project become fully realized is in the best interest of the neighborhood and the city.

Thank you. Christine Marchand

christine.marchand@drake.edu

Rauh, Diane I.

From:

Tim Stacy <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 10:09 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

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Subject:

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As far an the people that are against it. The reasons I have heard are traffic, noise, and vandalism. These are very common fears people have of something new and most of the time they are unfounded. Concerning traffic, the parking lot is huge and First Federated used the building for many years without a problem.

Wouldn't it be great to have small and larger concerts right in the neighborhood and a small hotel for our relatives to stay in while they visit Des Moines?

Please vote yes!

Tim and Sandy Stacy

4216 Adams Ave Des Moines, IA 50310 tsastacy@gmail.com

From:

Kimberly Nikkel <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 7:09 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am a member of Harmony Central Chorus. The Des Moines Chapter of Sweet Adelines International.

We would love to be in on the potential of renting space and having shows at Franklin Jr High. It is difficult to find space to rent that allows us to stand and sing with out loading and unloading risers weekly. This space is ideal.

It has small and large auditoriums for our shows. We could even use the large auditorium for regional competitions. This would bring in thousands of dollars for the city. For a weekend of hotel, restaurants and shopping for hundreds of women.

Please consider rezoning the school so this dream of ours and many other groups and live.

1814 3rd Street Southwest Altoona wknikkel@msn.com

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Tim Stacy <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 10:09 AM

To:

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Tim and Sandy Stacy

4216 Adams Ave Des Moines, IA 50310 tsastacy@gmail.com

From:

Austin Mays <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 6:52 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High.

Please vote YES on rezoning Franklin JR High.

3748 Sw 33 Des Moines 50321 electric9514@yahoo.com

From:

Leslie Ables <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 6:49 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote YES on the rezoning for Franklin JR High.

3748 Sw 33rd ajl9508@yahoo.com

From:

Nancy Ables <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 6:51 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote YES on rezoning Franklin Jr High.

3806 SE 26 Des Moines 50320 nmables5932@yahoo.com

Rauh, Diane I.

From:

Carlyn Crowe <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 1:09 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'm very disappointed to see that Bill Gray does not support this development in his own neighborhood, and has not shared why. This is a unique venue and Beaverdale is a unique neighborhood--or it can be if we keep it progressive. We need development that complements the types of lifestyles of the residents of this area. You won'd find something like this in Urbandale or WDM. We don't want a Jordan Creek Mall but I also get tired of driving out of Beaverdale for shopping and dining and events. This kind of development and repurposing of an old school and church is exactly what Beaverdale needs to stay viable and keep our property values high. This venue would provide so many opportunities for residents of this area to have a place right in their neighborhood (and no Beaver Avenue doesn't cover all the needs of our residents) to gather, eat, live, accommodate guests, show art, etc. etc.

3919 Maquoketa Drive, DM 50311 carlyn@netins.net

From:

Emily DAwson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:15 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Franklin Jr. High's concept in Beaverdale is what this city needs. There is a culture within our neighborhood that is booming with hard working, eclectic, hopeful people that would benefit from the concept of entertainment, and hospitality for our guests that come to our homes.

If we want Beaverdale to remain a neighborhood that feels safe and appealibg we need to spruce up Franklin Ave. Since Mercy has left, the methodine clinic has gone in , and more and more crime has moved more West our sweet, historical neighborhood has seen some better days. We have had several houses in our block go up for sale and have gotten great young neighbors moving in. Let's keep these good residents here with appealing businesses that in the end will make money and all will prosper.

2016 52nd St Des Moines,IA 50310 ees1424@live.com

From:

Heather Steffen <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:24 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Franklin Jr High has come to life since Jeff Young purchased the property and as we have seen, it houses different events, concerts, a Montessori school, youth sports, Girls Rock, church, fundraisers, corporate meetings and more. This aligns completely with the City's "GrowDSM' vision and will immediately bring in tax revenue for the City, add commerce to that area of Des Moines and enhance the neighborhood with all that Franklin will have to offer. It totally has my support and I hope it does from the city council!

820 17th St Des Moines, IA heather_steffen@hotmail.com

From:

Jennifer Vermeer <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:46 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

My husband and I have worked in the Des Moines are for over 25 years. We are very interested in reviving old closed down buildings and bringing new exciting opportunities to the community. Please support this renovation project and bring life back to Franklin.

11376 NE 126th Ave Maxwell, IA 50161 mjvermeer89@gmail.com

From:

Carlyn Crowe <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 17, 2019 1:09 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

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3919 Maquoketa Drive, DM 50311 carlyn@netins.net

From:

Dawn Solis Toledo <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:36 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

To the DSM City Council,

I am writing in full support of the request for rezoning of Franklin Jr High, 4801 Franklin Ave. I have had the privilege to participate in many activities at Franklin, including my company annual meeting and indoor soccer for my two young boys. Allowing this revitalization would create an exciting landmark in our community.

From a financial position alone, a tax revenue of over \$400,000 annually would be a great blessing to Des Moines, creating some relief for homeowners who are consistently being hit with higher tax bills. I am actually surprised that there are members of this council who are against this proposed growth. I ask that if you're not going to allow this revitalization to take place, what IS your plan for this building and space? Our neighborhoods need this type of forward thinking to continue moving us in a positive direction. Big empty buildings are a waste of resources and only create hotspots for crime. Without development, I fear that we will continue to lose families to the suburbs. I can't imagine that is what the council wants for our neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Dawn Solis Toledo (and family)

4400 Palm Ave, DSM, IA 50310 salsagirldd@gmail.com

From:

Kurt Weakland <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:19 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Love the concept and vision here to redevelop and make it into something unique. It's these types of ideas that excite me about Des Moines. It's these types of missed opportunities that always seem be stolen by our friends in the suburbs and then I have to drive out their and spend my money. I'd rather ride my bike, visit the library, and swing by and catch a show or have a beverage down the street. This will only lead to more development in the area, and possibly a nice retirement condo for my wife and I down the road. ;-) Anyway, as a resident of the area, I fully support forward thinking ideas, especially when they are backed by someone with a good track record. I think the saying is #CatchDesMoines or is it @CatchDesMoines ...

1404 Germania Dr. weakland@gmail.com

From:

Kurt Bowermaster <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:18 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please support the redevelopment of Franklin Jr. High School. It's great for our community in numerous ways and will produce much needed tax revenue.

Do the right thing and make this a reality. Thank you.

1529 41st Street
Des Moines
kurt@loopshuttle.com

From:

Melanie A Parks <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:39 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the re-zoning of the former Franklin Junior High School building into a Planned Unit Development. I think it will bring both vibrancy and revenue to the neighborhood.

Last Sunday, May 12, my husband and I attended a concert there and we were very impressed with the venue and with the efficient and professional way in which the concert goers were received and directed.

Parking was convenient, entrance clearly marked and upon leaving the concert there were no traffic problems whatsoever.

A big vote yes for PUD approval!

Thank You.

4502 HARWOOD DR mel@elementslimited.com

From:

John Bockert <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:30 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote YES on the Franklin Jr. High project

1522 47th street Des Moines, la 50311 jnpbock@gmail.com

From:

stephen king <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:25 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Franklin Junior High is a game changer for our neighborhood. With the kind of infrastructure and programming visioned for this space, I can't imagine why the city council would oppose it. Quality of life and serving arts and culture organizations in my backyard is an exciting prospect. And all of this without a city handout.

FJH has my complete and enthusiastic support.

3920 Waveland Dr Des Moines, la 50311 smking@me.com

From:

Sam Drella <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:43 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Mayor and Des Moines Council members,

I am writing because I recently attended a concert in the auditorium of Franklin Junior High and I couldn't have had a better time. I'm not a Des Moines resident, but regularly travel to attend concerts and events. I thought that the concert was wonderful, the availability of parking was refreshing and was happy to attend an event that wasn't in downtown.

There are many parts of Des Moines that could use more dollars flowing into it, and I really like the idea of not having to go downtown in order to see quality entertainment. The auditorium in Franklin Junior high is in great shape and it's a welcome change from other venues that do not have dedicated seating. It would be a shame not to use the resources in a way that would bring world-class entertainment to Des Moines.

I think it would be great to expand the usage of the building and I for one would regularly attend events held at this space were it to receive the proper zoning. I have dollars to spend and would like to see this venture succeed.

Best regards, Sam Drella

West Branch, IA samdrella@gmail.com

From:

Lisa Acheson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:35 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'm writing in support of the PUD for the Franklin Jr. High project. As a nearby resident, I feel this visionary project will provide additional entertainment and social options to sustain our vibrant community and specifically this neighborhood. As our city grows we'll need more places to offer diverse arts and culture—as not everyone is interested in shows at a large arena (I'm certainly not). I support the reuse and renovation of this building as an offering for smart development and to serve as a local gem to support community. At a time when things are so divisive, nothing brings people back together like a musical performance. Creating a space to support this is all about creating a strong community.

4331 Allison Avenue lisa@lisaachesonyoga.com

From:

David Rewerts <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:32 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am excited for the upcoming plans that have been described in the Des Moines Register as well as from my colleagues that work downtown with me. We support the rezoning of the Franklin Jr. High and wish the developer our best as he looks to utilize this space to help have a positive impact on Des Moines! Please support this effort! Thank you for all that you do to serve our city and the surrounding communities!

8589 Arthur Trl rewertsd@gmail.com

From:

Denise Ferreira <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:12 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Des Moines is seriously lacking in affordable rental spaces for events, hotels and neighborhood revitalization. Why not make the Franklin neighborhood a destination? Why not invest in our historical buildings? Too many times, we allow businesses to buy up property and then just sit there as eye sores. This business owner wants to bring life back to the neighborhood & sees the potential of myriad uses for this school that holds a lot of memories. This business owner will be a good steward for the building and the neighborhood. Already he has stopped nefarious activities that took place there such as drug deals & drag car racing.

I emplore you to vote yes for Franklin Junior High to move forward.

I lived in Portland, Oregon for 16 years & saw first hand the amazing work the McMenamin Brothers did on historical buildings around the city & state. It created a positive economic and social impact on the neighborhoods and created destinations for locals as well as tourists. It also created a lot of retail synergy with more small businesses opening up around them knowing people were coming to the area.

Allowing Franklin Junior High to move forward would actually bring vitality & potential to Franklin Plaza Shops (which is currently half empty) & other retail space available in the area. It will create affordable rental space for small & non-profit groups and it will create a destination for locals and tourists alike.

Thank you.

4119 Kingman Blvd organic_homestead@yahoo.com

From:

Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:57 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello Des Moines City Council Members,

I am a resident in of Windsor Heights and I love being close to the Des Moines metro for all the wonderful amenities and opportunities.

On Sunday I attended a concert at the Franklin Jr. High building. I was so excited to attend this concert, and really impressed that the coordinators were able to bring such a well-known act to our area. The venue really added to the experience with convenient parking and great accommodations for a full house. It was only minutes from my home!

The couple sitting next to us at the event were neighbors to the facility. They shared about what a great neighbor the current occupants have been-much better than an empty building or even the church that had been in residence. They also talked about plans for the space and all the exciting possibilities for the neighborhood.

Please be supportive of this business. As a neighbor to Des Moines, I would appreciate even more opportunities for dining, socializing, and entertainment on the city's west side. So many young families have moved to this part of the city and the nearby municipalities—and this is just the kind of thing that we want in our community!

Thank you, Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott

2012 69th Street sarahtronegarriott@gmail.com

From:

Amy Reynolds <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:38 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

What a fantastic opportunity to place the Franklin property back on the property tax generation and fuel growth. Please vote yes!

1609 Northwest Dr Des Moines IA 50310 skahillreynolds@gmail.com

From:

Trudie Greiner <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 9:02 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Our chorus rehearses here, and we love the venue. Would love to see money provided for repair of roof and another elevator(?) for us less mobile people.

Think it brings a needed place for this area of town.

3033 Easton Blvd gtrudie@gmail.com

From:

Julie Finch <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:18 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This is a nice neighborhood and that Franklin junior high project will help it continue to be nice. Having a vacant building anywhere is not a good thing. Please help them by passing the needed measures to keep them going in the direction they're headed.

2004 37th St julieelise1966@gmail.com

From:

Michelle Berkley <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9:52 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We live just north of the property and are so excited at the idea of something like this developing within walking distance. Please vote to make that happen!

2320 48th St DSM mberkley@outlook.com

From:

Deb Bolfik <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9:02 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

What a great area to develop for the neighborhood. Please allow this place to grow and create a space for great local music and businesses to engage with the community.

1715 27th Street Debbolfik@gmail.com

From:

Robert and Linda Railey <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:30 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We favor using the amazing structure of Franklin Junior High School and auditorium for the betterment of our community. The building housed a school and a 4,000 member church with people coming and going every day of the week. We see the new use of the building as a destination spot good for the neighborhood., offering local residents use of the facilities, and good for the tax base. We appreciate using this older building instead of seeing it destroyed and the resources wasted.

Thank you for your consideration to save this structure for a new use. Bob and Linda Railey

4118 Maryland Pike DSM 50310 raileyrl@msn.com

From:

Mendy Heidesch <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:29 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the renomvation of Franklin Jr High. Would be great use of the building and revenue generation.

831 65th St mendyheidesch@gmail.com

From:

Mike Kliegl <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:46 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I think the owners of this complex are very forward thinking and have so many good ideas for its use. Can't see any issues arising from the things they have planned. Great for the neighborhood.

4305 Hickman Rd Des Moines Iowa m.kliegl@mchsi.com

From:

Emily Bednar <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:34 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am a strong supporter of the Franklin Junior High School Project. I recently purchased a house in the area after moving back to Des Moines. I would be proud to have this in my neighborhood! We need more cultural, community, and event spaces in the area! The space has so many wonderful uses! As a community we need to be open to innovation keep our amazing neighborhood thriving!

3809 Adams Ave. Des Moines, IA 50309 embednar@gmail.com

From:

Ellen Simmons <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:18 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

PLEASE, please vote to support and approve the rezoning necessary to preserving the historic Franklin Junior High building and grounds, which will create a new, growing community NW Des Moines. The plans for upgrading and saving this historic landmark are exciting and needed in the city. And the strong neighborhood support for this project speaks for itself!

It's time for the NW area of Des Moines to contribute in this positive fashion by providing a multi-use venue that will be enjoyed by all of Central lowal Not to mention: (1) adding tax revenue that was never available when it functioned as a school and then a church; and (2) by attracting folks to the area, helping other business owners grow as well.

3123 - 50th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310 ellenLsimmons@gmail.com

From:

Joel Lown <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:13 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I've seen some more projects like McMenamin's succeed in other cities and it would be a benefit to the neighborhood here in Beaverdale

2505 48th Place Jplown@gmail.com

From:

Larry Williams <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:03 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Let's get on board and support the Franklin Junior High project. Not only is it good for the neighborhood it's good for the entire city!

Larry Williams

3008 36th Street dfil@mchsi.com

From:

Martha Mitchell <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:46 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support Franklin Junior High School renovation and I live nearby. Jeff Young has invited the community to see the building and has shared his vision of renovation. The grounds have been taken care of and the community is already utilizing the building. I strongly encourage the City Council to support Jeff Young's vision.

From the Des Moines Register..."City Council members should not only support the project, they should be thrilled about it. They should thank Young for seeing the potential in a residential area that desperately needs an economic shot in the arm."

1705 45th Street iwork4lucky@hotmail.com

From:

Shelby Meyerink <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:43 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello!

This past Sunday I attended a concert at the Franklin Jr. High venue for the first time. My friends and I were all impressed by the venue; clean and well lit, it was easy to see the potential for a variety of other businesses to be used or implemented in that space. When reporting to my other friends where the venue was, all of them were unsure of the location I was talking about. They were unable to name any other areas of interest in the area, beyond Snookies and the Flying Mango. I firmly believe that a project like Franklin Jr. High could expand interest in the neighborhood, and invite a younger crowd away from downtown Des Moines. As an adult in her 30s, a location like Franklin Jr. High being near me would be a benefit, not a barrier, to living in the neighborhood. I'm about to move downtown, but recognize that a purchasing a home is in my 5-year plan for my future. Living near a venue that provides food, entertainment, and lodging for visiting family would be an exciting option outside of downtown, where parking is often a barrier to visiting family.

I'm writing in to share my support for the project. Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Shelby Meyerink

603 Polk Blvd shelby.meyerink@gmail.com

From:

Paula Gilliland <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:24 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the Franklin Junior High renovations. The owner has already started sharing events with the Waveland Park Neighborhood. The changes will provide an amazing venue, hotel, restaurant etc.

Thank you

1300 45th Street p.gilliland@mchsi.com

From:

Phil Walsh <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:19 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote in favor of rezoning to allow future development at Franklin Junior High. This is a great use of a valuable asset, and will benefit neighborhoods around the site as well as others further away.

120 51st St. Des Moines pjw7@netins.net

From:

Cory Scott <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:07 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

RE: Franklin Junior High Rezoning.

I'm in favor of the rezoning.

I live on 48th Street and recognize that the project will generate traffic during special events. I understand that the additional traffic will not be constant and likely be isolated at the beginning and end of special events, similar to when the church would begin and end their service.

Regardless, seeing the site reactivated is important.

1409 48th Street cscott@rdgusa.com

From:

Todd Marckmann <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 3:00 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing to voice my SUPPORT for the rezoning and renovation of the former Franklin Junior High building. Doing so would be a great asset to the community, it would allow a building with much proud history to continue to be utilized in new and exciting ways, and it would provide much needed tax revenue to the city of Des Moines.

I encourage you to vote YES on measures to make this project happen!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Todd Marckmann

4901 Crestmoor Dr. Des Moines, IA 50310 tsmarckmann@gmail.com

From:

Rodney Snavely < rodsnavely@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:34 PM

To:

Cownie, Frank

Subject:

Renovation of Franklin Jr. High

Dear Mayor Cownie,

I am writing in support of the planned renovation of Franklin Jr. High. I believe the proposed plan will be an excellent addition to my neighborhood.

Council discussion for this site is scheduled for May 20, and I ask for your support of this plan. Thank you for your service to the City of Des Moines.

Rodney D. Snavely 4411 Franklin Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310 515-494-3178

From:

Aaron Vermeer <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:27 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the rezoning of Franklin Junior High.

Roosevelt High School and Lincoln High School are looking for a place where they can host show choir competitions. Roosevelt does not have appropriate facilities for this. These competitions raise money for the show choir, and ours is one of the least well-funded in the Metro.

We have toured the facility with Jeff and are very excited that it fills our needs to put on one of these competitions and Jeff is excited to work with us on this so that we can do something wealthier districts can do easily with their newer, larger facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aaron Vermeer

604 Polk Blvd ajvermeer@msn.com

From:

Erin Davison-Rippey <erin.davison.rippey@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 13, 2019 10:44 PM

To:

Coleman, Chris; Westergaard, Linda C.; Gray, William S.; Boesen, Connie S.; Cownie,

Frank; Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.

Cc:

Rauh, Diane I.

Subject:

Please Support the Franklin Jr. High Rezoning Proposal

Mayor Cownie and City Council Members.

Thank you for your consideration of the development proposal to rezone Franklin Junior High. I realize there are a variety of views on this proposal, and I am reaching out to urge you to approve the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to change this property to a Planned Unit Development.

I'm sure you've received many messages regarding this rezoning, and I hope you'll consider the many valid reasons this will benefit our neighborhood and city. You have heard the strong arguments related to strengthening the neighborhood and finally having taxable property in this space - all very good reasons. I'd like to share from my personal view why this is such an appealing plan.

I was born and raised in Des Moines, right in the neighborhood of Franklin Jr. High. I grew up around the corner from Snookies Malt Shop in a house that my parents have owned for nearly 50 years, the house they live in to this day. I went to preschool at our neighborhood church, which is just down the street from Franklin Junior high, and I went to elementary school at Perkins, also just a stones throw away. This neighborhood is home to me.

Like many young people who grew up in Des Moines, I left the state to attend college, thinking the city was too small for my liking. After being away for a number of years, and coming back to visit family and finding all of the amazing development that happened in the early 2000's, I realized that Des Moines had so much to offer. I eventually moved back to Des Moines as a young professional, and I have never left - and I have never regretted the decision to move back.

Now I have my own family, and we live within walking distance of Franklin Jr. High. My kids go to the same neighborhood preschool I attended as a child and will also attend elementary school in our neighborhood. Our family is frequent visitors to the Franklin Library, we are members of the Iowa Food Coop, and our doctor's office is on the same stretch of Franklin Ave (for now, at least).

I share all of that to show just how invested my family is in this neighborhood. We plan to be in this house until long after our kids have left home. This neighborhood is truly home to me.

And that is exactly why I am so excited at the prospect that Franklin Jr. High could be a hub for progress in our neighborhood. We have all watched as the Mercy Beaverdale complex has become more and more deserted, with weeds taking over the former flower beds and the exterior of the building looking very run down. Our doctors will soon move, heading for a more desirable location, and I can only imagine that entire corner could become another abandoned and unmaintained property. Just a few doors down is the long-abandoned family gym that has been vacant for years (and yes, I was a member of that gym before and after I came back to Des Moines!).

Here's my real concern: if there isn't investment in the commercial space along Franklin, these spaces could become very problematic and cause true problems in our neighborhood. When my kids are old enough, I want to know that they would be safe to ride their bikes up to the Franklin Library; if these properties continue to decline, will it be safe enough for my kids to ride past at dusk as the streetlights come on? Maybe that's an extreme scenario, but when I consider the decline of this stretch of our neighborhood over the past 20 years, it doesn't seem terribly far-fetched.

Here's what I do know: the Franklin Jr. High proposal has the opportunity to revitalize this part of our neighborhood in a way that, quite frankly, embodies the essence of why I returned to Des Moines. Our family would love to have top-notch restaurants within walking distance. I would love to have family and friends stay at a destination hotel right practically in our backyard. (Have you been to Hotel Grinnell? My husband and I went there for a weekend getaway and we were very impressed! What an opportunity to have something like that in Des Moines.) And yes, it would be lovely to have a classy bar just down the street - one where I am the target audience... unlike the bar in the opposite direction of our house & within walking distance that was the focus of a legislative scandal recently.

My point is that development like this is what attracts professionals and families to Des Moines. It's what brings people like myself back to Des Moines, and it's what keeps us here.

Sure, change is uncomfortable, and people can have concerns about something new. But ultimately, you all know how resident feedback works: you'll hear quite a lot from the handful of people with concerns, but ultimately most of the people who have heard about this in passing and think it's a great idea won't reach out to you. They won't take the time to express their support.

Please evaluate this proposal on the merits of the proposal and don't be disproportionally swayed by the relatively few concerns. The data supports the change in zoning, which is why P&Z approved this. This is a good plan for the city, and a great plan for the neighborhood. Take it from someone who has deep roots in this neighborhood and represents the next generation of residents who will be here for the long haul to make sure this neighborhood continues to be a great place to live.

I hope you will support the planned rezoning of Franklin Jr. High at the May 20th City Council meeting. I would appreciate hearing from you on your planned vote on this matter.

Thank you,

Erin Davison-Rippey
1234 - 47th St.
Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Erin.Davison.Rippey@gmail.com

cell: 515.865.1877

From:

Andrew Dunham <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 13, 2019 9:55 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'm writing this in support of the Franklin Junior High plans to renovate and rejuvenate the space. I grew up down the street on 48th and am excited for the prospect of such a unique space with a wide range of possibilities in the neighborhood. We need more family-oriented places such as this one to bring people together. Thank you!

-Andy Dunham

524 Grandview and y.dunham@prfdte.com

From:

Tammy Armstrong <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 12, 2019 9:33 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please approve the zoning request to allow Franklin Junior High to become a hub of activity in my neighborhood. As a former resident of Portland, Oregon, and a current Waveland Park homeowner, I'm genuinely excited to see something like the McMenamin's Kennedy School replicated here in Des Moines. There is absolutely no point in letting the buildings at that intersection all stay vacant. The space is incredible and ripe with opportunity. My husband and I are very much looking forward to walking over for a show, event, or just a drink. Please, please listen to your constituents and make this a reality.

1409 46th St Des Moines, IA 50311 tammy.l.armstrong@gmail.com

From:

Jeffrey Bruning <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 12, 2019 8:46 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I believe the Franklin Junior High School project would be an excellent edition to our neighborhood and provide a unique experience and venue for central lowa.

1133 36th St jlbruning@yahoo.com

From:

Cate Bishop <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 12, 2019 7:19 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This space should be used for something and this project would serve Beaverdale

3302 49th Street caty.d.bishop@gmail.com

From:

Andrea Kloberdanz <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 12, 2019 2:00 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a resident of Beaverdale for over 16 years, I fully support the resining and this project.

2728 46th St, Des Moines, IA 50310 andrea.kloberdanz@gmail.com

From:

Lynn Eilders <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 12, 2019 1:46 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please rezone Franklin Jr. High as a PUD. We need improvements like this on the Northwest side of Des Moines (which is suffering decline every day*). Please allow this one positive idea which will help to revitalize this side of town. * I would very much appreciate a call from Connie Boesen to briefly discuss issues on the NW side (not email). Please do not have Bill Gray contact me. I have broached these issues with him many times over the past few years and the problems are accelerating worse than ever. My phone number is 255-3364. Thank you.

3931 36th Street junegirl@centurylink.net

Rauh, Diane I.

From:

JEFF YOUNG <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 12, 2019 10:16 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Good morning and Happy Mother's Day to the moms in the group. This is Jeff Young and I am hoping that you all will see the good from this development for our wonderful city that I call home.

I would be a poor salesman if I didnt ask for your approval of this project, so here I go....

Please listen to the voices that we have asked to say in their own words how this project will impact the lives of others.

Thank you Mayor Frank and all members of the council. We can't do this unless U R 4 US!!!

3400 LINCOLN Jeffecanbuildit@gmail.com

From:

Wendy Peterson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:12 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This building should be allowed to move on in a new purpose. Don't let it go to waste.

2907 nw sharmin dr wkp4isu@gmail.com

From:

Erica Snodgrass <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 10, 2019 7:48 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello,

Thank you for serving our city. I lived on 49th and Holcomb, just a couple blocks from Franklin Junior High building, for seven years. The plans for that building are amazing! Please allow rezoning so this large facility can be put to productive use.

Sincerely, Erica Snodgrass

1416 E 40th St., Des Moines, IA 50317 easnodgrass2@gmail.com

From:

Carla Treanor <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 10, 2019 6:58 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

"Yes"

6521 Washington Ave. Windsor Heights lowa 50324 carlatreanor@hotmail.com

From:

Matt Butler <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 10, 2019 3:24 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I would love to see this as an addition to our neighborhood! that area definitely needs some revitalization.

thanks

1449 41st pl mattabutler75@gmail.com

Rauh, Diane I.

From:

traffic people <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 11, 2019 5:51 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Des Moines operates under a council-manager form of government. The council consists of a mayor (Frank Cownie) and is elected in citywide vote, two at-large members, and four members representing each of the city's four wards. In 2014, Jonathan Gano was appointed as the new Public Works Director.

http://traffic-people.com trafficpeopleElego@gmail.com

From:

Chie Schiller <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 10, 2019 10:49 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Japan America Society of Iowa (JASI), a Des Moines based non-profit, community friendly organization supports the vision of Franklin Jr. High to become a vibrant gathering place for the surrounding neighborhoods and beyond by reusing the existing campus in a manner that preserves history and creates a diverse community.

JASI was founded in 1989 by a small group of dedicated individuals whose vision was to promote friendly international relations and to provide cultural activities to Des Moines and the surrounding lowa communities. JASI provides community outreach events to demonstrate Taiko (Japanese traditional drum), Calligraphy, Japanese language education, Tea ceremony, Kimono (Japanese traditional costume) and other Japanese cultural activities at local schools and other lowa community organizations or companies.

A newly renovated Franklin Jr. High would provide but not be limited to office spaces, class rooms, music practice studios, event venues, we believe that this project would provide neighbors a place to congregate, strengthen relationships, and develop a stronger community. Within the 213,000 square foot building, JASI is visioning our future office, class room for our Japanese language learners, studio for our Taiko group rehearsals and classes, a large enough space to hold our historical Japanese Tea House, various event spaces and auditorium for our future events, cultural demonstrations and performances. The Franklin Jr. High project plan is about bringing a community together, serving neighborhoods' need for office, event and hotel space while preserving history and bringing a property tax revenue to the city of Des Moines.

We hope that the Des Moines City Council will see this wonderful mixed-use vision as a place that unites the people in this neighborhood project as a positive addition to the city of Des Moines, and that the City Council would vote in favor of rezoning for our future.

Thank you very much for taking your time and consideration to the Franklin Jr. High project, and should you have questions about this letter, or about Japan America Society of Iowa, please reach out to the Board Chair/Executive President, Chie Schiller at chies@japaniowa.org or 515-777-4457.

Best Regards,

Chie Schiller Board Chair/Executive President Japan America Society of Iowa

PO Box 12093 Des Moines, lA 50312 chies@japaniowa.org

From:

Carla Treanor <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:14 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I believe this would be perfect for this area, away from downtown congestion. And a all inclusive venue sight. It would begin to build another great area of Des Moines. Along with plenty of ample parking. If we are going to continue to be a Metropolitan City, then new ideas go along with rebuilding the City of Des Moines and surrounding Communities. I have seen the work Jeff Young has put into some of his projects and there will be no disappointment in the community.

6521 Washington Ave. Windsor Heights Iowa 50324 carlatreanor@hotmail.com

From:

Mary Ellen Blomme <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:01 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to voice my support for the redevelopment of Franklin Jr. High. I recently celebrated my 80th birthday, I am a member of Holy Trinity Church, and I've owned my house at the corner of 55th & Hickman for 17 years. After living in Nashville, Green Bay, and Baltimore, my husband and I returned to Des Moines to take care of my aging parents, who lived in the Franklin Court Apartments many years ago. What was once a thriving area is in need of new development - not just expensive senior housing. There is no reason that all of the progress needs to take place in the suburbs or downtown. I like to stay in the local area for shopping and dining, and it would be nice to have more restaurants and social opportunities in the area. Beneficial progress is a good thing for everyone in the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Mary Ellen Blomme

2218 55th Street jimmerme@gmail.com

From:

Carrie Russell <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:52 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This would be an amazing addition to the neighborhood. Please rezone this building. It's needed to keep this area alive.

4107 Kingman Boulevard, Apt 3 Des Moines, IA 50311 carrie.a.russell79@gmail.com

From:

AMELIA LOBO <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 9, 2019 10:06 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear City Council,

My husband and I have lived in the Beaverdale/Drake area since 2015. We are excited to support the Franklin Junior High project. We believe that this project is a great addition to our neighborhood, bringing cultural wealth, jobs and greater security to the area. Having more people walking and cycling (and even driving) around the neighborhood will make the area safer. This venue would not only contribute to our local community but to the City as a whole. We love living in the City and are excited by the idea of attracting more people to live in Des Moines. These kinds of spaces are crucial to the economic development of our neighborhood. Having some commercial development in a mostly residential neighborhood can seem scary. Having lived in larger cities prior to Des Moines, we know that it is enriching and necessary for economic growth. And the fact that this will use an existing, historic building is a ++1

1525 BEAVER AVE amelia.lobo@gmail.com

From:

JoAnn Bohn <admin@franklinirhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 2:20 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing to support the transformation/rezoning of Franklin Jr High, Having lived in the area I can not scream enough how much this will help the community. Jeff will not only add value to the community it will also bring profit. There are so many homes that are smaller in size that will utilize the hotel for their family and friends to stay out as there are no close hotels. There change will also bring profit to the small businesses in the area as those staying in the hotel will bring them business. Jeff will be restoring a building that has been a part of the community for year. He will maintain the value that the building holds in many peoples lives from the past. Franklin Jr high is a known location and many people can identify where it is. Keep it, make it better and help make the community grow for the better!! I 100% support the rezoning and the changes proposed and City Council should do the same!

jobohn3@hotmail.com

From:

Erica White <EWhite@ITAGROUP.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 1:31 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Rezoning Franklin Junior High - SUPPORT!

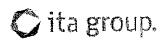
Hello City Council,

I wanted to write and share my support of rezoning and in turn, allowing them to become a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Franklin Jr High has come to life since Jeff Young purchased the property as we have seen it house different events, concerts, a Montessori School, Youth Sports, Girls Rock, Church, Fundraisers, Corporate Meetings and more. This has all been amazing, but Franklin Jr High can't afford to continue without the City Council approving the rezoning to allow Jeff and his team to develop this property. This aligns completely with the City's "GrowDSM' vision and will immediately bring in tax revenue for the City, add commerce to that area of Des Moines, enhance the neighborhood with all that Franklin will have to offer from coffee shops, to concerts, restaurants, athletic activities, business offices and more.

My home address: I do live in DSM! 3101 44th Street Des Moines, IA 50310

Thanks, Erica





Erica White, CMP Client Onboarding Specialist – Event Operations | (515) 326 3606 | itagroup.com 4600 Westown Pkwy | West Des Moines, IA 50266

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From:

Michael Halloran <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 1:20 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

To whom it may concern:

I'm a Beaverdale resident, and I strongly support the redevelopment of Franklin Junior High School and I urge you to approve it. The project is good for my neighborhood and Des Moines as a whole.

Thank you, Michael Halloran

michaeljohnhalloran@gmail.com

Rauh, Diane I.

From:

Tim Hinchliff <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 08, 2019 1:13 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing about the location where Larry Cotlar died last summer during the flood, namely the culvert and creek, north of the Twana just west 50th Street. I was perplexed how someone could die from flood waters near 50th Twana. Hence, I drove there and examined the spot and it was clear how someone could die there. Storm waters ragging west down Twana from 50th flow right over the curb and then over a large cliff down to rocks below at the north mouth of the culvert. I could easily visitualize how someone could die on the rocks in ragging flood water. The city definitely needs to add a strong, permanent fence there to stop anyone from going over that cliff again. I see that some work has been done there now, but what really needs to happen is the addition of a fence. I certainly hope the city will take adequate steps to eliminate this awful risk.

3503 48th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310 tahinchliff@gmail.com

From:

Karna and Dave Bosman <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 12:22 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We are in favor of turning the Franklin Junior High into a hotel/entertainment venue. This would be great value added to the neighborhood for the northwest side of Des Moines. A fun way to repurpose this property and revitalize the area. Please move forward with this venture.

dkbosmith@aol.com

From:

Megan Christofferson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 12:19 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello,

I am writing to request your support of the rezoning of Franklin Jr High to PUD.

I am one of the founders of Birchwood Montessori. We feel so lucky to have been welcomed by Jeff Young to make the central portion of building as our home. Jeff has been so generous to our school, and we are blessed to be apart of his vision for the school.

Part of Montessori education is to be active participants and learners within our community. What a perfect place for our neighborhood school to be! We are ready to embrace other business owners that move into the space to actively learn from them.

We fully support Jeff's vision for the space, and we welcome other community leaders and business owners to join us in this wonderful, unique, and historic building.

Best,

Meg

6285 Sudbury Ct
Johnston, IA
megan@birchwoodmontessori.com

From:

Diane Simons <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 9:36 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I would love to see Franklin junior high remodeled! I think it would be wonderful for my neighborhood. I have lived here for 47 years. I would love to see the old school/church used in this way. I'm excited to be able to it come to life again. Diane Simons

1328-48th street jazzeegirl@aol.com

From:

Heather Simons <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 9:31 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please approve the rezoning of franklin Jr High

413 Valhigh Road heathersimons01@gmail.com

From:

Tammy McGee <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:58 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I believe revitalizations like these are an essential part to keeping the community Alive and valid. We are already starting to see too many buildings sit empty. We must keep our neighborhoods vital for young people to want to move in and raise their families there. I think we would be foolish to squander this opportunity. We might not get another chance like this where someone is willing to step up and create something out of this old historic building. We must continue to grow or we are going to lose everyone to the suburbs.

4011 40th St, Des Moines tmcgee0113@aol.com

From:

Kelley Nedved <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:41 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I think this would such an amazing asset to our already beloved community! Just think of the possibilities. Employment! If at all possible I try to support my "local" community rather than heading out to west Des Moines. This would make this much easier. When I told my 12 year old daughter about this project she thought it sounded like an amazing idea. So much to gain! Only an empty building to lose!

3912 Marianna Trl Des Moines la 50310 kcvikes@msn.com

From:

Brad Davison-Rippey <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 10:41 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I cannot say with enough enthusiasm how much this project will change the neighborhood in a positive direction.

The Franklin avenue and Hickman corridors have been in need of improvements and this could be the very catalyst it needs. There has not been a more prime opportunity to extend Des Moines' revitalization potential out to the neighborhood nodes beyond downtown. This project is a perfect match to complement the improvements happening at Tower Park. As an added bonus to the city, this property has sat tax-exempt for 71 years. It is projected with this new use, that it could generate over \$400,000 in tax revenue to the city coffers.

The variety of uses will be something my family would take advantage of on a regular basis. We recently experienced the success of the Hotel Grinnell and see a lot of similarities in the vision for the re-purposing of Franklin Jr. High. Unique restaurants, bars, and venues are essential to neighborhood vitality. This project can connect to greater Beaverdale, Waveland Park, and Merle Hay providing more destinations for walking and our strong bike community. I was able to imagine it attending the rally for a presidential candidate. My heart broke realizing that 1600 people would leave the immediate neighborhood to grab a bite to eat or a drink with friends.

I'm excited for the opportunity it could bring when our friends visit from across the country. I'd love to have this a short walk from our home to show off that Des Moines invests in all of it's neighborhoods.

In my career as a designer, a little extra traffic to a place that sat dormant is a good problem to have. Noise and traffic are manageable issues and should not be seen as a detriment to this project.

I would hate to see this building continue to sit under utilized. Please vote yes to re-zone this property.

Respectfully, Brad Davison-Rippey, AIA

1234 47th Street
Des Moines, IA 50311
brad.rippey@gmail.com

From:

Zack Brown <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 9:43 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please allow this project to go through. I live a little over a block away and couldn't be more supportive of this. Beaverdale, Windsor Heights and Waveland Park neighborhoods could all benefit with this great restoration of Franklin Junior High. I'm actually headed to the concert this Sunday, May 12th. Couldn't be more excited and hope there are many more to come.

Thank you, Zack Brown

2004 46th St Des Moines 50310 zbizznes@gmail.com

From:

Isaac Kasten <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:44 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to zone Franklin Jr High for public use! It'll be a much needed boost for the local area!

1314 45th St Des Moines, IA 50311 izzykasten@gmail.com

From:

Kristie Bell <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:15 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a longtime resident of Beaverdale (I don't ever plan to leave!), I'm writing in support of rezoning for Franklin Jr. High. I want to see our community embrace new ideas and concepts, and support businesses that, in turn, support our community. I have faith that this untested idea (in Des Moines) will actually help enhance our neighborhood and city and put us on the map for being inclusive and creative with old buildings. We have too many empty spaces in our beautiful, vibrant neighborhood. Allow more life, more fun, more activity here — and the buyers, renters, builders and shop-owners will come.

4105 Ovid Avenue bell.kristie@gmail.com

From:

Kevin Hall <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:14 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please support the proposed zoning for Franklin Jr. High. I strongly support this project and all the positive things it will bring to our neighborhood and community. It will bring so much to the area and will be such an improvement to the current property. Please support our community and this project.

Thank you, Kevin Hall

2623 35th St Des Moines, IA 50310 kevinmhall78@gmail.com

From:

Anne Cross <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:18 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This would be a great addition to the neighborhood. I'm especially looking forward to have more family-friendly restaurants near by and more hotel space for when my family comes to visit. This seems like a no-brained with support from all surrounding neighborhoods. Please vote Yes for the development of Franklin Jr. High!

Thank you, Anne Cross

1908 40th Place Des Moines 50310 annecross419@gmail.com

From:

Donald Price <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 6:58 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This is an innovative idea that will be the first of its kind in Des Moines. I have attended a handful of charity events at this venue and can't believe there would be any reason to not push this thing forward. It is a great venue, an excellent location, and above all an amazing repurposing of a building that otherwise Will be useless. The fact that the owner is not asking for any financial help from the city and considering the tax revenue that will be generated, to me this is a no brainer. Please do the right thing

507 Sw 40th bluestarred82@gmail.com

From:

Kari Brown <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 6.58 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I would like take a moment and encourage you to approve the re-zoning of Franklin Junior High. I have been in attendance at a few events since Jeff Young purchases this property a little over a year ago. I have spoken with Mr Young about his plans for the proposed Multi use space. A very unique concept. I think the neighborhoods that this property resides in would really benefit. While I do understand their concerns regarding noise, parking etc. I am confident that Mr. Young will make certain that all necessary measures are taken and procedures put in place to make certain that the neighborhood stays and remains a quiet place to live Thank you for your time and consideration Kari Brown

1330 NW 18th Street #123 Ankeny karibrown1970@icloud.com

From:

Tamara Rood <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 4:31 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Members of the Des Moines City Council,

As a resident of Beaverdale since 1991 (my husband and I like to say that we are waterproofing the neighborhood one house at a time), I'm writing to express my very strong support for the proposed development of Franklin Junior High. We were concerned for years about the vacant property, and thrilled to hear the plans for developing much-needed hotel space (you try putting up guests in a 2-3 BR house with a bath and a half), event space (we can't wait to stroll over for concerts in the auditoriums!!), and a restaurant and small bar that will draw people from the neighborhood and beyond.

A big part of the joy of living in Beaverdale is its beautiful vintage buildings and walkability; this project makes the most of both of those assets, and will be a vibrant community center in the heart of Des Moines, rather than sitting empty. The site already has ample parking and good traffic flow thanks to the former church occupants and the city. We live in one of the larger houses in Beaverdale, just north of Franklin, and feel confident our property value will rise with this development.

We urge every member of the City Council to take into account the wants and needs of all three neighborhoods bordering this property: Beaverdale, Merle Hay, and Waveland Heights. All three neighborhood associations support this rezoning.

Thank you for reading.

Tamara Rood

4311 Allison Avenue Des Moines, IA 50310 tamararood63@gmail.com

From:

Colleen Hjort-Frederiksen <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 4:15 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote yes on the rezoning proposal for the Franklin Junior High building. The neighborhood is in desperate need of some revitalization and this is an excellent opportunity to start that process. The proposed uses for the building will bring in new business and use the building in a way that can help the entire community. Just the tax revenue alone will be useful in upgrading our city. Allow our community to enjoy the building for generations to come.

Thank you, Colleen Hjort-Frederiksen

1024 Polk Boulevard colhjort@gmail.com

From:

Molly Gill <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 3:39 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the rezoning of Franklin Jr High. There is no need for more buildings to sit empty in that neighborhood.

102 SW 51st Street Des Moines, IA 50312 gollymill@gmail.com

From:

nadia gross <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 3:29 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello, as a resident of Des Moines and Waveland park, I strongly support the development of Franklin Junior High. Please vote to re-zone the property and allow this project to continue! It is in our city's best interest.

Nadia Gross

1722 44th st khatib.nm@gmail.com

From:

Bryna Halloran <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:54 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

To Whom It May Concern:

Please approve the rezoning of Franklin Middle School. This is an exciting opportunity to revitalize a neglected area of the city and bring in needed tax revenue. As an active young family new to Beaverdale, we will enthusiastically support any new businesses and venues that spring up in our neighborhood. I can assure you our toddler will soak in the pool, frequent the restaurants, and run through the impeccably landscaped gardens. My husband and I appreciate art and music and will support performance venues as well.

Honestly, though, any business is preferable to a giant, vacant building which attracts only crime. Beaverdale, Waveland, and Merle Hay Associations have nearly unanimously approved the plans. Please follow the wishes of those affected and vote for rezoning. We see that Bill Gray has recused himself from the vote and we will definitely express our displeasure with this decision next election.

Thank you for your time.

Bryna Halloran

2207 35th Street bryna.halloran@gmail.com

From:

Joann Tucker <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:22 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

- Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Franklin Jr High has come to life since Jeff Young purchased the property as we have seen it house different events, concerts, a Montessori School, Youth Sports, Girls Rock, Church, Fundraisers, Corporate Meetings and more. This has all been amazing, but Franklin Jr High can't afford to continue without the City Council approving the rezoning to allow Jeff and his team to develop this property. This aligns completely with the City's "GrowDSM' vision and will immediately bring in tax revenue for the City, add commerce to that area of Des Moines, enhance the neighborhood with all that Franklin will have to offer from coffee shops, to concerts, restaurants, athletic activities, business offices and more. I hope you will support this rezoning!

Regards,

Joann Tucker

4601 Chamberlain Dr. jtforcy@gmail.com

From:

Brad Snyder <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:13 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the resining of Franklin Jr. High School as it is important for the Beaverdale neighborhood.

111 10th Street DES MOINES IA 50309 bsnyder14@gmail.com

From:

Jill Featherstone <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 1:57 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the rezoning of the Franklin Jr High complex.

3800 Franklin Ave jfeatherstone@desmoinesartcenter.org

From:

Jeff Featherstone <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 1:56 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I've seen firsthand the positive work the Girls Rock program has had on young women in the Des Moines area. Without an affordable place to meet, like the Franklin Ir High facility, these programs will fail to exist and our youth will pay the price. Please consider the rezoning Franklin Ir High request as an investment in our children our my neighborhood.

Thanks
Jeff Featherstone
3800 Franklin Ave
Des Moines IA 50310

3800 Franklin Ave, Des Moines jafeath@gmail.com

From:

Christopher Janson, MHNA Board <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 1:45 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Bóesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Des Moines City Council Members,

Please support the rezoning of the Franklin Junior High property to Planned Unit Development. I am a member of the Merle Hay Neighborhood Association Board of Directors and we voted as a board in support of Jeff Young's request to rezoning the property. Jeff and his colleagues did a great job of reaching out to our neighborhood about this proposed project. He attended a couple Board meetings, gave a presentation and took questions at a Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting, and many of our members took tours of the building over the past year.

Thank you,

Chris Janson 2206 52nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50310

2206 52nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50310 christopherjanson@gmail.com

From:

Heather Owens <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 1:19 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please consider the rezoning for the franklin area.

2000 High Street krazykowns@yahoo.com

From:

Nick Andersen <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 12:58 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

To whom it may concern-

It is wonderful to see the potential of what this type of facility could do for the Des Moines Community. My son has personally been given an opportunity to pursue his passion by one of the early tenants of the Franklin JR. High School. Without investment like this for my son, the arts culture and presence in Des Moines might not gain as much energy as it's attracting today. Please move forward with this investment in Franklin JR High and Des Moines to create many more opportunities for the citizens of our community. Thank you.

Nick Andersen

14606 Sheridan Ave. Urbandale, IA 50323 storm44nja@gmail.com

From:

Dori Jansma <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 12:45 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am 100% in favor of the rezoning of the Franklin Jr High Complex.

The plans that they have to develop this property into a multi-use space is incredible. IT has so much to offer! Reinventing this school into an incredible, diverse facility will not only preserve this beautiful structure, it will generate immediate income to the City of Des Moines via tax dollars as well as generate income to local businesses. It will support non-profit organizations, new businesses, offer the venue for concerts that Des Moines currently cannot offer, and more. This is completely a WIN WIN for all parties involved.

The firm that they have hired to help direct this development has taken everything into consideration to preserve and protect the beautiful neighborhood that Franklin Jr High is embedded in. This is a walkable venue that families can go to for a variety of things- from eating, to entertainment, to fundraisers and simple business needs. This will be an incredible way for Des Moines to also showcase that we are an innovated city that has vision. IT aligns with so many aspects of the GrowDSM project and it only makes sense to vote YES to rezoning this property.

I am a small business owner as well as the president of the board of Girls Rock! Des Moines and our organization calls Franklin Jr High our home. It has changed the dynamic of what we are able to do for the future female leaders of our community. We can host all of our events there which is key for our programming. Before Jeff Young's generosity of helping us with having our own space, we had to beg & borrow to have our workshops, camps, etc. It has made 2018 the best year our organization has seen and so much of that was rooted in the face that we could use the Franklin Jr High. Girls Rock makes such a difference in the lives of so many young students of Des Moines. IF this rezoning doesn't happen, we are very well aware that Franklin Jr High cannot continue to operate under its current status as there is not enough revenue generating to keep the doors open. We want to have a home and fully support the rezoning of Franklin Jr High so we can keep our home and share it with so many others.

PLEASE APPROVE THE ZONING ON MAY 20th.

Thank you very much for your service and dedication to our city that we call Des Moines.

Best Regards, Dori Jansma

1900 High Street, Unit E119 Des Moines, IA 50309 dorijansma@gmail.com

From:

Jillian shoemaker <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 10:26 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

After hearing the concerns of neighbors, it's difficult to think the pushback from them would be different with ANY change in the area. I get this and I am empathetic to it. Fact is- that change will happen. The school is gone and the church is gone. It will have to be zoned as something other than a church or school at some point- hopefully before it looks like the dilapidated buildings on the south side of Franklin. The "developer" is not our enemy. Jeff has lived in Des Moines his whole life. I trust him to keep the integrity of the neighborhood. I do not, however, trust a big developer from out of town/state to do the same. He seems to want nothing from the city but the ok to give his all to this neighborhood. It needs it and we should be thanking someone for stepping in. I support the rezoning of 4801 Franklin Avenue.

Jillian

3400 Lincoln place drive 50312 jilliansonksen@hotmail.com

From:

Thomas Kutz <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 9:58 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I fully support the Franklin Junior High development, as both a community member and music industry professional. I believe this development will help strengthen the cultural impact of Des Moines, and grow not only the local neighborhoods, but drive the whole community's creative economy to a new level.

3825 Beaver Ave Des Moines, IA 50310 kutz.thom@gmail.com

From:

Randy Kramer < rkramer@iowarealty.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 9:11 AM

To: Subject: Cownie, Frank Franklin Junior High

Mayor Cownie,

Just a not to let you know that I think the plan to change the use of Franklin Junior High is fantastic. Amazing the use that building can be transformed into and being put on the tax roles!

I am very familiar with this neighborhood and this will be great for that area of town and help all property values.

Mr. Young should be thanked by all of Des Moines.

Please support this fantastic idea. I am excited about this revitalization effort all done by a private citizen. Wow.

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Laurie Dowie <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:27 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I've lived in my home now for 37 years. Unfortunately, I've seen the neighborhood decline. Not as many young family's, more homes are now rental properties. Please help our neighborhood by bringing back pride in this beautifully established neighborhood. We need tax dollars allocated to help revive us to its original glory.

Frankln Avenue between Merle Hay and Beaver is in much need of repair. This will need to happen for the "new complex."

Thank you for your support in this matter.

I vote YES!

Kind regards, Laurie Dowie

1721 57th Place LiferGBPackersFan@gmail.com

From:

Jody Cosson <admin@franklinirhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:21 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Des Moines City Council,

I am a Des Moines native and graduate of Franklin Junior High. My husband and I visit Des Moines a few times each year to visit relatives. What a pleasure it would be to have a full service hotel in my old neighborhood. Over the years I have watched small changes occur to Beaverdale, but this would be a huge and marvelous change that would truly put Beaverdale on the maps for conferences, business meetings, organization meetings, and family reunions. I wish I could stay there for our next Roosevelt or Drake reunion, Drake Relays visit, visit to the fair, or visit with family (both living and buried at Glendale Cemetery). I can picture the school's layout and can easily visualize how this longtime school could be a magnificent hotel. And I can also imagine how the neighborhood, a lovely mix of small businesses and fine old brick homes, would thrive.

I would like to reserve a spot in Miss Sigler's art room.

Sincerely, Jody Cosson

101 Fleetwood, New Braunfels, TX jcosson1111@gmail.com

From:

Tori Godfree <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:08 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am a Beaverdale resident and want to express my and my family's support and excitement for Jeff Young's visionary plans for Franklin Junior High. What a unique gem to add to our wonderful neighborhood, and what a great use of the building! I believe this project will breathe so much life into the area, and I wholeheartedly support it!

3817 Amick Ave tori.godfree@yahoo.com

From:

Carol Baty <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:30 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the revitalization of Franklin Junior High. I want to see the building returned to the vibrant facility it was before and support the owners plans to make it multi purpose. Thank you for your support.

4307 Kingman Blvd baty1@mac.com

From:

Bruce Montis <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 10:59 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I think this would be a good use for this historic building. I went there 1968-1971. I hope that this project gets approved. It would put this back to good use.

876 Collins Dr Waukee Iowa 50263 a_ecurb_sitnom@msn.com

From:

Kindra Perry <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 10:11 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I live in Beaverdale and I am in support of the Franklin Junior high project. This project will revitalize a spot that has so much potential. There aren't many restaurants in Beaverdale, and it would be exciting to add another, especially one just a short walk away. I think people outside the neighborhood would be drawn to it too, making Beaverdale an even more desired destination.

44th street in Beaverdale kindra7777@yahoo.com

From:

Lacy Brittenson. <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 9:31 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We are very excited to have something like Franklin for our neighborhood! Not much growth and new projects have popped up around here for families so I think this is just what we need. Please support this rezoning proposal!

3209 Leado Ave DSM 50310 sugarcrust@gmail.com

From:

Linda M. Hunter <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 8:51 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We want this renovation of Franklin Jr. High in our city, in my neighborhood. It would be a big boost for the west side, providing much needed community assets, something we all want. I haven't heard from anybody that does not like the idea.

4423 Kingman Blvd. Linda@Hunterink.com

From:

Doyle Karr <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 8:06 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am in full support of the Franklin Jr High Project. My wife and I have lived in Beaverdale for 30 years and see this as both a incredible opportunity to invigorate the Franklin street area (note the south side of the street is very vacant) and get tax revenue for the city and enhance the the quality of live for residence. We have participated in tours, rented the gyms for a street gym time over the holiday, and hosted community board meetings there. The owner and staff have a terrific attitude and interest in serving the community. Please vote in favor of their proposal.

4311 Allison Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50310 doyle.karr@mchsi.com

From:

Marianna Tuttle Hall <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 7:59 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

From 1952-1956, we lived on 49th Street Place, just north of Hickman. When I was 6 years old, we moved to 45th and Beavercrest. I went to junior high at Franklin and have such great memories of the school! My mother sold our house in 2001 and I moved back to DSM from Cedar Rapids in 2004, buying a house 2 doors down from the one I grew up in.

Not only is this a building that can be easily renovated, it can become a very viable venue for lots of events! It would be unique to the city and bring additional income to the city!

Please vote YES! We don't need more vacant buildings...we need people that are willing and able to rejuvenate the area.

Thank you for your consideration! Marianna Tuttle Hall

4511 Beavercrest Des Moines, IA 50310 mh968@mchsi.com

From:

Dave Koester <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 7:52 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am very much in favor of a yes vote Please consider. The majority here I can not understand why anyone thinking beyond personal gain or loss would vote no!! Thank you dave koester

4208 Adams Ave Dsm davidgkoester@gmail.com

From:

Joshua Dahle <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 7:34 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I hope the city council approves this project. I live nearby and have attended a few events at the space already. I love being able to walk over to Franklin Jr High when they have events.

Thank you, Josh Dahle

2020 35th St; Des Moines joshuadahle@gmail.com

From:

Justin thomas <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 7:20 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This has to happen. That area has so much wasted potential.

4515 franklin av aye1derb0y56@aol.com

From:

Timothy Evans <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 6:48 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the rezoning of Franklin Junior High school. I believe it would be a great asset to the community.

Thank you, Tim Evans

2001 50th Pl tevans1972@yahoo.com

From:

Judy Sebern Beachy <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 6:46 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a neighbor in Beaverdale., I love the idea for many uses for the Franklin school. Let's make this happen!

4127 Allison Ave jsebern@aol.com

From:

Isabelle Holland <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 5:17 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I urge approval of Franklin Jr. High development. It will provide excellent services for our neighborhood. I lloook forward to family friendly restaurants as well as entertainment venues. Thank you.

4101 Clinton Ave. isabelledayhollamd@gmail.com

From:

joseph wallace <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 11:53 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

as a waveland park resident and local architect, please support this awesome project in the community. It will be a welcome development, will bring positive impact financially, and will encourage development and upkeep with adjacent commercial properties in the area.

1219 48th St joe@jdwallace.net

From:

Jessica Patterson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 9:20 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support rezoning Franklin Jr High to a PUD zone.

1072 46th street Des Moines, IA 50311 jessicalasterpatterson@gmail.com

From:

Jennifer Nellans <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 8:26 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I think this project sounds amazing. It would seem it has been well thought out and planed. In our American culture of tear it down and build new, this project of repurpose and renewal should be embraced. Please vote yes for the Franklin Junior High project!

Thank you, Jennifer

7108 Jefferson Ave. Windsor Heights, IA. 50324 Jennifer@billnellans.com

From:

David VanCleave <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 7:26 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing in support of the rezoning and all future plans for Franklin Jr. High, 4801 Franklin Avenue.

As a neighbor residing directly across the street, I support this project and am thrilled at the prospect of new life, energy, and economy in the neighborhood.

As a nonprofit leader (Executive Director at Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre), I support this project and am ecstatic that our community's need for affordable and quality performing arts venue and office spaces is being filled. That the answer comes from someone as genuine, visionary, and giving as Jeff Young is unbelievable.

As someone who attended elementary school in the building, I am bursting with pride that the the building so representative of my childhood will be filled with life, creative energies, collaboration, and support.

As a Des Moines native who ran away to Chicago but was pulled back home, I support a project that elevates Des Moines. Never in a million years would I have guessed I'd be living in Des Moines, working full time in the arts and making my peers in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and Seattle jealous. But this visionary project will impact more than Des Moines; it will become the example for communities all over.

Thank you for your time; I'd be thrilled to talk more about how important this is--to me, to my organization, my community and my industry.

-David A. VanCleave Executive Artistic Director | Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre cell: 515.771.3399

4925 Franklin Avenue, Apartment 10A, Des Moines, IA 50310 dvancleave@dmyat.org

From:

Sara Encke <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 6, 2019 12:08 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank, Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a young professional who just moved to the area, I would love to see something fun and different come to this area and attract more people like myself. This will only add value to this neighborhood.

2716 50th Street saraencke@gmail.com

From:

Tricia Haall <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 10:52 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am in favor of Franklin Jr. High's vision for this space. The area needs more vibrancy like this and cannot wait to be a part of it.

1310 47th St, Des Moines, IA 50311 cobler_tricia@yahoo.com

From:

Willow Bauer <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:54 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This development plan sounds like a great idea and a huge improvement in this area, bringing in revenue and new entertainment to the nearby neighborhoods and keeping down crime in area by ensuring there isn't a large, empty building just sitting.

1346 47th Street, DSM, IA 50311 willow_bauer@yahoo.com

From:

Angie Babic <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 6:22 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to approve the Franklin Junior High project.

2505 48th Street angelica.babic@gmail.com

From:

Eric Gross <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 3:00 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a Waveland Park resident, I whole-heartedly support rezoning Franklin Junior High to make that dream a reality as soon as possible. Thank you

1722 44th Street ecgross@gmail.com

From:

Carol Stratemeyer <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 2:54 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support changing the zoning to be able to revitalize the neighborhood by developing new uses for Franklin Jr High.

1425 46th St, Des Moines IA 50311 stratemeyerc@msn.com

From:

Maggie Harlow-Vogt <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 1:36 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to re-zone so that the Franklin Junior High can become a repurposed destination and resource for our neighborhood. It will be an amazing asset to the city of Des Moines as a whole.

3119 Prospect Drive Des Moines Iowa 50310 mharlowvogt@gmail.com

From:

Bret mcfarlin <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 1:28 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane.l.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a nearby neighbor, I write to strongly support the rezoning of Franklin Jr High, 4801 Franklin Ave, in order that its proposed repurposing as botique hotel, performance venue, restaurant and office spaces may proceed in a manor that would honor its beautifully maintained structural character.

The same forward thinking that has already reinvigorated Des Moines' downtown should be encouraged and nurtured in our neighborhoods.

1424 48th st, DSM 50311 bretmcf@msn.com

From:

Vanessa Pruitt <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 1:14 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

The possibilities are endless with this space! All the networking and availability for small businesses to be able to get their creativity going. What a great and much needed opportunity for Des Moines!! Yes!! Yes!! Yes!!

1522 Del Matro Ct vanessa.m.pruitt@gmail.com

From:

Nicole James <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 12:34 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

We live within walking distance of Franklin Junior High. My family is so excited about being able to attend family centered events there. I hate driving by an empty building with nothing going on. It's hard to see why you wouldn't want neighborhoods to do well, not everyone wants to go downtown. Please reconsider your position. Nicole James, lover of Beaverdale

4207 Leonard Place nicolekjames@gmail.com

From:

Kathy Urich <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 12:18 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I live down the street from the Franklin Building. I 100% support the plans for the Franklin Building. I'm looking forward to the many opportunities this will bring to our neighborhood. Please support these projects.

1443 48th Street, DSM, IA 50311 kathnlon@gmail.com

From:

Cheryl rousseau <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 10:47 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please approve to rezone the change to franklin jr high

1062 45th st cheryl.k.rousseau@gmail.com

From:

Delor IS Wacht <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 10:33 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please allow Franklin Jr High to change their zoning to continue with their plans

1629 46 th St dwacht@msn.com

From:

Tamara Veal <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 10:20 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This area needs a multi use place for all ages.

2321 34th St tamaravdesigns@aol.com

From:

Elizabeth Volious <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 10:12 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:

Follow up Flagged

Dear City Council,

I sure hope that the board takes into consideration all the additional vehicle and pedestrian traffic this will bring to the area, especially along 48th Street. It is already a high traffic area and vehicles FLY down the street with zero consideration of the families in the area. I'm all about the revitalization, but as a mother of two small kids who live in the area, this rezoning raises a lot of red flags. Please ensure that any proposals or projects include safety measures for neighbors, families, kiddos and pets. Safety in this wonderful neighborhood should be a priority! Thank you!

1438 48th Street elizarudi15@gmail.com

From:

Nancy Simon <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:50 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This would be a great addition to the neighborhood.

1246 47th Street simonsowski@yahoo.com

From:

Rhonda Smeltzer <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:23 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am 100% in agreement for this up grade to the neighborhood! Im very excited to see this proposal come to life.

3925 39th st. DM lowa 50310 Jabber333@aol.com

From:

Deborah Symonds <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:18 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Rezoning for Franklin Schooll

Reusing the school for valuable community enhancement is such a great idea, that I cannot understand reluctance to allow the project to proceed.

928 California drive deborah.symonds@drake.edu

From:

Tess Cody <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9:04 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear City Council members,

Please support the Franklin Junior High project moving forward. It's an exciting opportunity to utilize a largely vacated building and create something that can be a great community space. We need more walkable restaurants and venues in our neighborhoods and I am excited to see the possibility with this project.

Tess

2006 Chautauqua Pkwy, Des Moines, IA 50315 tess:putnam.cody@gmail.com

From:

Emily Nelson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 8:53 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello. I strongly feel that this renovation will bring so much life to our wonderful city of Des Moines. This is a great way to create a hub of activity outside of downtown and the west Glen area.

Aside from the tax revenue alone, small business owners like myself will have the opportunity to lease commercial space that doesn't break the bank. The Ingersoll neighborhood has been up and coming, what better way to increase that popularity than by adding to it while creating a bridge to other wonderful places like Beaverdale. Please vote towards making this dream a reality for the many communities that this will have a positive effect on. Thank you

3707 Grand Ave Apt 7 Des Moines Iowa vocabulary00@gmail.com

From:

Lynn Ethington <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 8:19 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I strongly support this project and what it would bring to my neighborhood! This is an exciting and creative opportunity for the city of Des Moines.. This past December I attended a concert at Franklin Junior High and was so impressed with the venue. Please vote for this diverse building concept!

1015 45th Street Des Moines, IA 50311 lethington@mac.com

From:

Caitlyn Troendle <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 12:18 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I think redeveloping the space is a great idea! This would really help the neighborhood to grow and it would bring raise property values. Not to mention, it would be a great location for me to personally enjoy the types of things this redevelopment will bring. I also like that fact that they are planning to remodel the old building instead of demolishing it and starting over - this dramatically reduces the carbon footprint which is very important to me. Change is good. Thank you for listening!

1414 33rd St, Des Moines, IA 50311 caitlyn.troendle@gmail.com

From:

Susan Yinger <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 12:03 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

It's in the city's best interest to rezone this area. This can be a terrific asset to MY neighborhood. Rather than letting the building deteriorate, it will be a desirable place for people to gather, socialize, and add to the value of the surrounding area.

My chorus, Harmony Central, is thrilled that Franklin Junior High is our new home. The developer has been welcoming and accommodating. He has made the "little" auditorium available without charge for a spring 2019 performance, and we look forward to holding future performances there. Local music and performing groups don't have buckets of money for Hoyt Sherman and the Civic Center.

We believe that the developer's plans will make our "home" a lively, pleasant, and safe environment.

I am excited that Franklin Jr. High will be an attraction that will help the entire city grow and thrive. Please make it possible by reasoning the building.

2408 - 53rd Street, Des Moines. syinger@msn.com

From:

Bruce L. Wilson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 8:06 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the proposed repurposing of the Franklin Junior High building and urge you to approve it without reservation.

1540 32nd Street BLW1540@gmail.com

From:

Cindy Smith <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 7:59 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Great use for the old school. Many neighbors are in support. Council should approve.

3220 Beaver Ave cmshfscindy@gmail.com

From:

Jessie Blake <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 7:39 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am in full support of this project!

2517 33rd Street Des Moines, IA 50310 jessienell03@gmail.com

From:

Janelle Kennedy <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 7:35 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please support the plan for Franklin Jr. High. It would be wonderful for the community.

1050 32nd street West Des Moines, IA 50266 janellekennedy1@yahoo.com

From:

Brianna Glenn <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:52 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please approve the Franklin Jr High project moving forward. This would be a fantastic addition to not only my neighborhood, but Des Moines as a city. This is the type of exciting project that keeps cities relevant and moving forward and I'd be thrilled at this addition.

2522 33rd St. Des Moines, IA brianna.glenn@gmail.com

From:

Neola MacDonell <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:44 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to approve the Franklin Junior High proposal!

3514 Linda Circle DSM 50310 nbmacd@yahoo.com

From:

Nicole Cabreriza <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:36 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I urge the city council to move forward with the rezoning to allow this important project to move forward. This project would bring important economic development and opportunity to our community.

3510 50th St DSM 50310 ncabreriza@gmail.com

From:

Becca Baum <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:32 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I STRONGLY support everything the developer of Franklin Jr. High is doing!! I look forward to all he wants to include in this property. It will be a wooonderful hub to bring our community together. With tons of parking, wide streets, people riding and walking over, traffic won't be problematic. This will bring more JOY and CULTURE to the people in our community than disdain to a select few residents.

My vote is YES - move forward with the complete development.

1546 47th Street 50311 becca1740@gmail.com

From:

Kelly Bronsink <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:24 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to approve the Franklin Junior Higb project. Our neighborhood and the city will only benefit from this project. We dont need any more vacant structures like Mercy Franklin.

Thank you.

1249 43rd St. Des Moines jkbronsink@msn.com

From:

Kate Milligan <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 6:03 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Mayor Cownie and Des Moines City Council members,

I urge you to approve the rezoning request for Franklin Junior High. It is a building and project with great potential to benefit the surrounding neighborhoods and the city, with community activity, jobs and tax revenues. The potential is also there for a dead project, an unused, very large property, one that incurs expenses but no benefits. The developer and renovation team have vision and a well-constructed plan that adequately addresses concerns about alcohol, traffic and noise.

There is strong community support and unanimous approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission. This part of Des Moines could see the benefits of development and renovation as have the East Village, Downtown, Grays Lake, Sherman Hill. Please support all the work that's been done and move it forward.

Sincerely,

Kate Milligan

3913 Fagen Drive okmilligan@gmail.com

From:

April Visnapuu <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 5:17 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a homeowner just blocks from Franklin and a board member for a children's theater that currently occupies space inside Franklin, I am excited to see the space transformed. Beaverdale has seen a number of senior living developments in the past few years, which seem to be an effort to retain the longtime Beaverdale residents, but what about the newer, younger generation of Beaverdale homeowners (and taxpayers!). We want to live, work AND play in our neighborhood and with the limited undeveloped lots remaining, this could be our last chance to see something for us. The developers have been totally transparent in their efforts and have asked (and listened) to the community's input in the project. It would be a shame to see the project thwarted due to misconceptions about the plans. I believe that the city council should allow the plan to pass so they can retain the newer, younger residents of Beaverdale's future.

2425 Maryland Pike april.visnapuu@gmail.com

From:

Joel Kiess <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 4:51 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'm not going to repeat all the points I'm sure you're hearing in support of the development of the Franklin Junior high School property. But, I am writing to add my support and hope that you will get behind it too.

Thanks

3124 46th St Des Moines 59319 joelkiess@gmail.com

From:

Kathy Bowermaster <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 4:03 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

As a Franklin junior high alum, I'm happy to see this building ready to be used for something that benefits the whole neighborhood. Please support this interesting project!

1529 41st kbowerma@hotmail.com

From:

Mandy Stuber <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 3:37 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the Franklin Junior High Project. Vote to approve it.

2817 47th Street Des Moines, Iowa 50310 germandy675@gmail.com

From:

Brad Stuber <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 3:31 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the Franklin Junior High project please vote to approve it. Brad Stuber

2817 47th Street brad.stuber@gmail.com

From:

Sharon Fife <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 2:59 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please vote to approve the plans for Franklin Jr High.

I am very excited about the opportunities it brings to the neighborhood, the potential tax revenue, and the diversity of experiences that will exist. This is an important investment in Beaverdale, and we do not need another big empty building when we could have a very unique location for neighbors to enjoy.

4714 Douglas Ave sharonlfife@gmail.com

From:

Diane Bacon <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 2:39 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the vision for the Franklin junior high school building. Our community would benefit greatly from this repurposing of this large building. My neighbors and I would love to see the various uses being proposed fir this grand building. You lease support this effort to turn this old school into a hotel, restaurants, classy bar and beautiful gardens!

1684 Northwest Drive, DSM dlq53@aol.com

From:

Karen Bruce <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 2:36 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Sirs; Please vote to re-zone Franklin Junior High building! It's just what we need! Great for any kind of practice whether it be music, sports, plays, tumbling, dance! Amazing place for concerts of all kinds! Rooms for re-unions, rummage sales, charity events for all! The neighborhood kids can use the gyms for free to keep off the streets! Anyone for cards or board games? Science has proven socializing can help you live longer! So get us Alumni off our rocking chairs, and lets have some fun! Jeff Young has amazing vision for our old school! Please let him prove it!!! Great memories, hanks for your time, Karen Bruce!

5564 Se Circle Dr Avon Lake, Iowa kebraveler@gmail.com

From:

BreeAnn Cowger <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 2:25 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a Beaverdale resident who is strong in favor of the Franklin Junior High project moving forward and hope to see you approve their plans soon. The neighborhood would greatly benefit from seeing this creative and exciting project come to fruition. This area of Des Moines is in need of revitalizing and I know this project would inject a lot of life and energy back into this part of the city.

Thank you for your consideration, BreeAnn and David Cowger

1700 38th street breeann.cowger@gmail.com

From:

Julie Murphy <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 2:16 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the rezoning of Franklin Jr. High as proposed by the developer. I am an alum of the school.

5832 Harwood Dr. Des Moines IA 50312 jahmurphy@hotmail.com

From:

Stacia Zink <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 1:50 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Hello,

I am contacting you today to voice my support for the Franklin Jr High School development project. This historical building is a part of the Beaverdale community. Beaverdale is a wonderful neighborhood and I'm proud to say that I live here with my husband and young children. I'm looking forward to seeing the new restaurant, boutique hotel accommodations, and event space planned for the building. My husband and I visited the recent open house at Birchwood Montessori, and we are thrilled to have such an amazing school opportunity right in our neighborhood. Please vote to allow this project to move forward. It's sad to see this building sitting under-utilized when it has so much potential to be a vibrant and exciting part of the community. Sincerely,

2600 47th Street Des Moines, IA staciazink@yahoo.com

From:

Connie Bolinger <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:39 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank, Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I see the Franklin jr high project as a positive for Des Moines. It will bring in many activities and concerts, discussion groups, craft shows etc. too much focus is on the belief that it will turn into a big bar.

3615 Urbandale Ave Des Moines conbolcar@msn.com

From:

Anna lemons <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:38 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

City council,

I am writing to encourage the approval of zoning for the Franklin Junior High project. I'm a millenial originally from Des Moines and the incentive to stay here to raise my family only increases when new concepts like these are brought to life... Please embrace progress and pass this!

4130 northwest drive lemons.anna@gmail.com

From:

Cindy Taylor <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:35 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

The Franklin jr high project is needed not only in that area of town but for Des Moines!!

3715 Urbandale Ave Des Moines cindy_taylor77@msn.com

From:

Stacy Stanley <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:33 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Vote Yes! This area needs something like this to unite the neighborhood. Can't wait for this!

1415 48th St Des Moines stanley.stacy167@gmail.com

From:

Bill Clark <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 12:11 PM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I am writing in support of the Franklin Jr High plans for renovation and revitalization. I grew up in the neighborhood and went to school at Perkins Elementary, Franklin Jr. High and Roosevelt High schools. I still live in the same general area just to the North and pass by frequently. I have been back for a couple opportunities to tour our old Franklin school and have listened to the ideas and business plans for renovating it. It sounds like a great idea and I would like to voice my for support for the project's moving forward. I would much rather see this in the neighborhood than tearing it down to build something like more apartment buildings that will only bring in more people that just pay rent and have no pride in ownership. I also feel it would be most likely to bring in owners that are only interested in collecting rent checks and not interested in maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood, thus ending up much like the adjoining apartment property that is no longer anywhere even close to the nice apartments that they were back in the days of my childhood. I would not like to see that type of thing expanded in the neighborhood. In the bigger picture and long term, it seems to me that another apartment complex type of property would only serves to add to a general overall decline in the quality of the area over time. I think it would be great to have another place close by to get a bite to eat, or meet up with a friend for a beer and a chance to chat and catch up. Or especially have a place, close by where visitors from out of town could stay, that is close to my own home. Hopefully, we can see this project move forward. Thank you.

Regards Bill Clark

3421 49th ST. wmtclark@msn.com

From:

Nicole Keuper <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:55 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

This would be so beneficial for our community! Please consider this fantastic opportunity.

218 NW Valley View Dr., Grimes nicolekeuper@gmail.com

From:

Sarah Smith <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:38 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Good morning,

I am writing again to show my support for the Franklin Jr High project. As you can see we live only a couple blocks away and are excited about the plans the developers have presented. They have diverse proposals that are attractive to the people in the neighborhood and as a destination for out-of-towers. It is a large property and we have been impressed with how they've maintained and kept up the area. Soon the Mercy clinic will be vacant and this will be one less unsightly structure in our neighborhood.

We have already been to a couple events and our daughter is excited for a summer camp.

Thank your for your consideration. The Smith Family

1735 46th St Des Moines, IA 50310 smertes@gmail.com

From:

Angie Chia <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:38 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I'm absolutely in favor of this exciting new development and feel it would add great value to our incredible neighborhood. Let's not be a neighborhood/city full of "not in my backyard" folks. Let's be progressive and help keep Beaverdale/Waveland Park cool. . This would be a great antidote for all of the retirement facilities being built in this area. Please vote in favor of the Franlin Jr. High development. Thank you.

Angie Chia Beaverdale resident

3819 Amick Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310 chias4fun@live.com

From:

David Fast <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:37 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

I support the Franklin Jr. High School revitalization project. Please vote in favor for the benefit of Beaverdale and Des Moines residents. Thank you!

David Fast

3107 Leado Ave david.fast350@gmail.com

From:

Gene McKelvey <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:35 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

To the Des Moines mayor and city council members, My wife and I are long-time residents. We both grew up in northwest Des Moines. I attended Franklin Jr. High.

We support the current proposal to redevelop the Franklin site for the following reasons.

- 1) Gaining a significant tax paying commercial occupant.
- 2) The conversion of a historical site into a neighborhood friendly, multi-purpose development.
- 3) Avoiding another vacant building in our community.
- 4) Providing a potential impetus for additional neighborhood improvements in nearby commercial properties.
- 5) Providing services to the area that are currently not sufficiently met.

This is a rare opportunity to enhance an established neighborhood which has seen few commercial improvements in recent decades.

Please vote in favor of this proposal.

Gene and Margaret McKelvey

4410 40th St., Des Moines, 50310 mcgene1@msn.com

From:

Julie Johnson <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:33 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Please don't leave this building empty. Our neighborhood wants the excitement that the revitalization will bring!!

1609 34th Street DSM iA 50310 juliebrightman@aol.com

From:

Amy Myers <admin@franklinjrhigh.com>

Sent:

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:09 AM

To:

Westergaard, Linda C.; Coleman, Chris; Cownie, Frank; Rauh, Diane I.; Gray, William S.;

Gatto, Joe P.; Mandelbaum, Josh T.; Boesen, Connie S.

Subject:

Franklin Junior High

Dear Council Members,

As a Waveland Park resident living just a couple blocks away from Franklin Jr High, I fully support the rezoning and development proposed. I appreciate the investment the owner is willing to make in our community, and have high hopes for the future of the block. We have not experienced any negative effects from the outdoor events that already have taken place at the site, and have full faith the Franklin staff are receptive to talking about solutions to neighbor concerns.

Please vote Yes for the rezoning for this project.

Sincerely, Amy Myers

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