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To: Leith, Carl
Subject: Comment for SLC HLC mtg

Hi Carl,

Ken Kraus here, concerned SLC citizen. Was hoping to make the HLC meeting this evening, sorry I could not. I am attaching my written comment, below, and also as an attachment. Since I work on a Mac, the attachmet is in Pages. This is problematic if you're on a Windows machine, so please let me know if you need it sent as a "PDF" doc instead.

April 7, 2016

To: Members of the Salt Lake City Historic Landmark Commission
From: Ken Kraus, a condominium owner & resident at 908 East South Temple
Re: Items #2 and #3 on this evening's agenda

As I am unable to attend the Landmark Commission this evening, I wish to submit the follow comment.

With regard to item #2?the CRSA-Garbett presentation?what baffles me is how many times does it take this team to ?get it.? Sure, the corner of South Temple and 500 East is prime turf, but the relentless pursuit of predictable is not acceptable.

The subtle but unmistakable movement that is afoot?that is, the shift to honoring South Temple Street for what it once was and could be again?a Grand Boulevard?seems to be increasingly irrelevant to those who can afford choice bits of real estate in the Historic District.

CRSA's involvement with the restoration of the former LDS Business College building is admirable. But the ongoing collaboration with the Garbett enterprise only reinforces my impression that, with the exception of a couple of pesky dilettantes and purists, nobody really cares about walkable neighborhoods.

I point directly to an outstanding presentation prepared by the architect Bradford Houston?
Principles for Designing Mixed Use Urban Building in Salt Lake City?as a prime example of forward thinking for a city in transition. Brad's passion for intelligent design should be taken very seriously.

Regarding item #3?the CRSA and Residences at South Temple LLC outfit?both this and the previous item reflect the developers?
apparent resistance to embracing, once again, the concept of Neighborhood. Meaning, a human-scaled mix of residential and retail featuring a cafe or two, a restaurant, perhaps a couple of other storefront enterprises that encourage walking.

No need to look far for successful models for the walkable-neighborhood concept. Progressive cities across the country have already done it.

Can we not begin to show some resourcefulness and integrity here?

Thank you.

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