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Subject: FW: [Ext]12 Harrison Street

From: Mary Gene Clavin [<mailto:mgclavin@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2020 6:36 PM

To: Andrew Port

Cc: John Clavin

Subject: [Ext]12 Harrison Street

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Dear Andy,

We write to you as concerned neighbors and residents of Harrison Street. Halting the renovation on the main house at 12 Harrison Street with a potential "work stop" that will last several years is alarming. Our neighborhood and residents are asking for your leadership.

Prior to the Gray's taking ownership, 12 Harrison was in desperate need of major structural repair. We toured the house with an interest to purchase, and did not move ahead as the scope of the work was beyond our capabilities. It is our understanding that the work in the field was more extensive than anticipated but the Gray's have been willing to persist with the project and create a replica of a South End garrison. We are grateful.

Please know that we, and all neighbors that we have spoken with support the Gray's, their design plans, and believe that the project should move ahead immediately. We do not want to have a partially built, potentially unstable and unfinished building sit vacant. Especially with close proximity to the well traveled rail trail. Many of us have made significant investments in our homes, properties and pay expensive taxes to enjoy our beautiful, walkable city.

Please let our voices be heard by your committee or represent us accordingly. We would be grateful for your response.

Thank you,
John and Mary Gene Clavin

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From: Andrew Port
Sent: November 09, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Dianne Boisvert; Katelyn E. Sullivan
Subject: FW: [Ext]14 Harrison St

Comments on 12 Harrison for the ZBA.

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From: cindy murdy [<mailto:murdsmom00@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Andrew Port
Subject: [Ext]14 Harrison St

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Cease of construction, 14 Harrison St

As a longtime resident of Harrison St we have seen a lot of change lately. As you may already know, there has been heavy construction presence on this street for several years now with almost half of the residence having major renovations at varying degrees. Although, in most cases, the excessive activity has been done with total respect for the

surrounding homes, the extended duration has now become tedious. We were hoping that 14 Harrison would long be underway at this point so our community can return to some normalcy in these very un-normal times. Secondary to that, again, although consideration was taken to close things down properly it remains an unsightly construction site. Again, looking at an unsightly construction site. We are looking for a prompt return to some normalcy. Please consider letting the owners of 14 Harrison complete this project sooner then later.

Thank You

Brian & Cindy Dixon

11 Harrison St

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Subject: FW: [Ext]Gray's House - Harrison Street

From: Mark Donovan [<mailto:mfdunny@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2020 8:58 PM

To: Andrew Port

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Dear Andy, Newburyport Zoning Board and Historical Committee members,

I am writing in recognition of the ongoing delay, committee meetings, and necessary decisions related to Michael and Tracy Gray's house construction on Harrison Street. As a resident of Harrison Street who lives directly across the street from this property, I strongly advocate for a resolution that allows for construction of the house to be completed.

This project (and frankly eyesore) has been ongoing for too long. I understand that certain construction restrictions were compromised during the initial part of the project, but the current freeze on further construction does nothing to benefit the city, its residents, the many visitors to the rail trail or the property owners. Importantly, our neighborhood is one that takes pride in maintaining, and enhancing, its appearance - including collectively helping to maintain the area of the rail trail adjacent to Harrison Street (beside the Gray's property). The stoppage of construction has significantly transformed this and turned our small street into one with an indefinite construction site.

If construction of the Gray's house is to be permitted, then there is no recognizable benefit to further delaying its completion. I, and at least most, if not all, of my neighbors, a) very much hope for project completion and b) believe that the resulting house will be an improvement over the former house. Not to be overly critical, but the former house did not appear to be definitionally, structurally or aesthetically representative of an area historical house.

I greatly appreciate what you do for our great city and your consideration of my thoughts on this matter...and I hope you can help drive a constructive outcome.

Respectfully,
Mark Donovan