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Q: What does the "25mcwilliams" mean?

A: 25 McWilliams is the street address of one of the St. Francis buildings.

Q: Who are you?

A: We are a group of neighbors that live in Hamilton Park and Harsimus Cove neighborhoods. We live in apartments, condominiums, and houses.

Q: Are you anti-development?

A: We are not against development, we are for GOOD development. We think that the redevelopment of the St. Francis property is inevitable, and are ensuring that the community is aware and actively involved in the process. We are fighting for development of which the community will be proud. We share our neighbors' concerns about the proposed height of the buildings, and the number of parking spaces that are planned, the look of the new structures, and many other issues.

Q: Is this effort being done in conjunction with the Hamilton Park Neighborhood or is this completely independent?

A: 25mcwilliams Watchdog Group is independent of the HPNA, but we coordinate our efforts. We encourage our neighbors to work with either HPNA or us, with whoever they feel comfortable. We are deeply concerned about the new redevelopment project, and are not willing to put our trust in a single group to look out for our interests.

Q: HPNA is the local neighborhood association. Why is a separate group needed?

A: 25mcwilliams Watchdog Group is independent of special interests. None of our core members have worked for the developer.

Q: The HPNA represents the residents of Hamilton Park Neighborhood and have been around for over 20 years. What gives you the right to represent us?

A: We are not representatives of people in our community, but seek to promote issues that represent and mirror those of our neighbors. We do not have an agenda of our own, but will fight for what the majority of our neighbors want.

Q: The developer, Exeter properties, has a great reputation. They are sensitive to quality of life issues during construction such as noise and construction hours, and have won awards for the quality of their restorations. So why is a watchdog group needed?

A: The assumption that the developer can do no wrong leads to complacency. We will remain objective, and would treat them with the same degree of due diligence as we would any developer.

Q: As a unit owner in the Park Hamilton I am extremely upset and concerned to hear about the plans for our parking lot. I also park my car there to make matters worse. Please let me know what we can do to fight this outrageous plan.

A: The owners of the four 25 x 100 foot lots on 9th Street have the right to develop the property, as long as it conforms to zoning. Our watchdog group has concerns about the height of the new structure on the parcel, and number of parking spaces per unit, and the impact on parking in the vicinity, but it is beyond the scope of our group to oppose development.