

Subject: A call out for help in the community for Glen Iris Neighborhood

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Hi,

We are asking people in the City of Birmingham to come out and support the Glen Iris Neighborhood tomorrow by coming to the Birmingham City Council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 AM.

We have been working for over a year to stop the 107 apartments that are planned to be built on the eastern side of George Ward Park on the former Knights of Columbus Property.

The City Council passed an Urban Redevelopment Plan in 2004 that states that apartments are a blight on our neighborhood. The plan states that "the presence of these apartments and the pressures exerted to construct new apartments...tend to lessen the quality of life of neighborhood residents due to increased traffic, noise, lighting, and a general loss of privacy."

We are trying to get the City Council to initiate a Sector Plan Study of the portion of the Glen Iris Neighborhood that includes the Knights of Columbus site to determine the appropriate zoning for the area. And we are asking for a moratorium on building while that sector plan study is being conducted. We believe that we may have enough votes from the council to achieve this. But we definitely need a huge turn out. This could be our last time to approach the Council on this subject and we really need to show them that we are still passionate about this issue. (We believe that the Sector Plan will determine that the property should be downzoned from apartments according to the Glen Iris Redevelopment Plan).

We will have stickers for everyone to wear that say "Stick to the Plan", so even if you don't want to speak about this subject, you can help show your support and our strength in numbers. Look for someone wearing a sticker and get one from them.

It is time that the City of Birmingham unifies its neighborhoods in fighting wrongs at City Hall and change our city for the better.

Also, we have a group called Friends of George Ward Park, so if you would like to be a part of us, please check out our site:

www.friendsofgeorgewardpark.org

thanks, Laney