

Subject: Agenda Item #8. 3750 Edgemont Boulevard: Demolition of rental housing

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Mayor & Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Edgemont Community Association's Executive Committee to offer our full support for the staff recommendation concerning the above-mentioned agenda item.

At the April meeting of the ECA, representatives from both the owners and the tenants made equal presentations. No specific motion was passed, however, as the staff report identified, the Association is concerned about the loss of needed rental housing and is sympathetic to the plight of the existing tenants of Edgemont Terrace. At the same time, the Association recognizes the rights of the owners of Edgemont Terrace to redevelop the property within the zoning bylaw. In light of these conflicting interests, there was a reluctance to create a divisive situation by being seen to support one side over the other.

Clearly, the best possible outcome is for the interested parties to arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement as an alternative to the loss of rental housing at Edgemont Terrace. In this regard, the Executive of the ECA believes the staff recommendation is appropriate to the circumstances and we urge Council to adopt it.

Sincerely,
Brian Platts, Secretary
Edgemont Community Association