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JEFFERSON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION APPEALS DETERMINATION BY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Tucson, Arizona – 26 April 2011. Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association (JPNA) and property owner-resident Joan Hall filed an appeal to the City of Tucson's Board of Adjustment on April 18, 2011. The Appeal addresses the exclusion from the recent Determination by the Zoning Administrator of properties being developed but not yet in use. The Determination found that the properties in use violate the City's Land Use Code for R-1 zoning.

In excluding the properties not yet in use, the Zoning Administrator reasoned that it was not possible to determine their future use. JPNA's attorney, Minnette Burges, who filed the original Request for Determination and the appeal, argues that, based on the practices of Mr. Goodman, it is reasonable to determine that the buildings under development will be used in the same manner as the group dwellings currently in use.

As a consequence of the appeal, a stay of government action (such as permitting and City inspection) has been issued by the Zoning Administrator. This should stop all construction on these properties.

Jefferson Park and other historic neighborhoods around the University of Arizona have been the victims of the growing encroachment of these group dwellings in their R-1 and R-2-zoned neighborhoods for over a decade. JPNA applauds the Determination by the Zoning Administrator, but believes that it should be enforced to fully address the scope of the problem.

"We're finally beginning to see progress in the resolution of this glaring problem." says Robert "Bob" Schlanger, longtime Jefferson Park activist. "Enforcement of the Zoning Administrator's Determination is the next step that must happen. We hope that this action will bring about a progressive resolution to the challenges facing central Tucson neighborhoods."

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