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Subject: Gilderbloom's Resgination from OHNA Board

Dear Board Members:

With the recent BOZA hearing ruling against Wayside application to put a mega-shelter at Mercy, I feel my work is completed as a Board Member of OHNA I have been offered teaching, research, and consulting work on Mondays in Washington D.C. and Boston. It's a great opportunity. This won't allow me to come to several Board meetings through December of 2009 and perhaps longer. Moreover, I want to finish a coffee table book on Painted Ladies as a document that will enhance the stature of OH and others places around Kentucky. I am also working on another book that I have finished on green neighborhoods around the world. In October we will be hosting a conference and a journal I co-edited in Louisville. So I got a lot of cool things I am working on. I also moved bought a new home on Tyler Parkway, fixed it up and moved in last May. I hope to sell the Morton house for \$400,000 but for now my son and friend live there. I still have an office there for landlord stuff.

I was elected with a lot of votes by OHNA neighbors on a platform of ideas of urban sustainable neighborhoods which embraced new urbanism and call to maintain historic character of the neighborhood. OHNA is one of the best green neighborhoods in Louisville, we should embrace the commerce on Baxter and Barret as mostly positive and magnet for many homeowners and renters who want to live here. Its also a place of employment for many residents. I have been up front of my support for the pubs and restaurants in the OH and near its borders. It's a good dynamic which helps improve property values. Some board actions in the past have been designed to try to hurt them and in one case close them down so that more people would be pushed to the failing Fourth Street Live. I am proud of my strong opposition to schemes like paid parking on streets for residents only or trying to protest renewal of liquor licenses for pubs like Lynn's, O'Shea's and Molly's. Sadly recent posts suggest that this might become an issue in the future for OHNA. I was proud of my work I did in persuading OHNA board to take a united stand against Wayside proposal, hire Steve Porter, and work to get new regulations to insure that the homeless shelter protect them and not put them at risk. Wayside's plans were a disaster for homeowners, landlords and business owners--check out the blocks of abandoned buildings along East Market.

I also protested extreme personal attacks on our neighbors which not only created libel and slander issues. The smearing of John and Kristen Riddick with a bogus website and emails was wrong headed. At least one OHNA board member and maybe others are lucky they were not sued. OHNA could

have been sued as well. Eager lawyers were ready to join the fray. Yuk! The meanness of several board members to demonize people with good intentions hurts the reputation of OHNA downtown and scares neighbors away from being active. Another example comes to mind when a Board got into a loud cussing match at a friend and neighbor of mine for not putting out enough leaflets against Wayside even though she did all of Baxter. She stopped working against Wayside and stopped attending board meetings again. If contributions of neighbors are not recognized or shunned, you will see a new organization starting up that is tolerant, kinder, efficient, and democratic with a focus on preserving the quality of life in OH. And not so concerned about who is bringing the wine and cheese to a meeting. So with this email effective today July 22, 2009, I resign as a board member. I hope you will consider appointing someone who owns or manages one of the restaurants or pubs here in the Highlands, there voice needs to be heard especially given the support they have given for the festival. Good luck! Peace!

Sincerely,

John I. Gilderbloom