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I attended the Corktown Historical Society and East End Block Club meeting where the developer for the Michigan and Church Street project made a presentation. First of all I was very disappointed that we were getting this latest information two days before the developers are going before your commission. That sure is cutting it close.

Since this is such a large project there will be a NAC formed so I feel this will give the neighborhood a voice on the project going forward. I am very excited for all the development coming to our neighborhood. It just makes me very nervous when developers disregard the historic aspect of every building (residential and commercial) and want to demolish instead of remodeling. It was stated last night that the downtown storage building as it stands is not all original. There has to be a way to include the original structure into the new parking structure. We cannot allow historic buildings to be demolished as it could effect our historic designation status.

I do like the look of the new buildings as I saw in the renderings. One suggestion that was made is maybe to make them different instead of matchy, matchy which will fit more into the look and feel of the structures and houses in all of Corktown. Simply by changing the colors of bricks could do that.

As it was also stated last night the only reason all of this new development is coming to Corktown is for it's historic character, so we would hope any new developments would try to fit into the feel of Corktown. There were alot of other very good suggestions and concerns made last night and I hope the developers took note of everything that was discussed.

Thank you for your time and please help us keep the history of our neighborhood going strong!!

Yours truly
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