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Subject: RE: Request for Comment - University of Montana Public Forum
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 11:12:07 AM

Ms. Gluckin,

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment on the University of Montana's request to hold a public hearing pertaining to the expansion of a parking lot onto the property located at 907 E. Beckwith Avenue. As outlined in the request submitted to the City of Missoula, the University of Montana intends to demolish an existing single family home to expand the adjacent parking lot by 17 parking spaces.

Missoula is facing an unprecedented shortage in homes. This is especially true for homes that provide an opportunity for home ownership. We have limited land on which to build new homes and the cost of new construction has increased substantially. Preserving the homes already in our community is a key strategy outlined in our adopted housing policy. Additionally, the City of Missoula is committed to transportation mode-shifts, including bike shares and transit shares, that reduce the need for surface parking. Based on these goals, we would urge the University of Montana to reconsider demolishing an existing home in our community to build more parking spaces.

If the University of Montana proceeds with their plan, we would urge them to partner with an organization our community like Habitat for Humanity to preserve and relocate this home to another site, as opposed to demolishing it.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached memorandum regarding a request from the University of Montana to hold a public forum for exemptions to several zoning regulations pertaining to the expansion of a parking lot onto the property located at 907 E. Beckwith Ave.

The Board of Adjustment will hold the public hearing on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 PM** virtually via Zoom. Please provide your comments on the exemption request to me by **Monday, September 14th.**

Thank you!

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