

## Objection from the Oglethorpe Plan Coalition to the Proposed Swimming Pool at 3-7 West Perry St.

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Dear Mr. Melder,

The Oglethorpe Plan Coalition is opposed to the proposed development of 3-7 West Perry St. and its possible future use as a commercial party venue. We object on three grounds:

1) This project hurts the integrity of the district. Nos. 3 West Perry and 15 West Perry are the buildings to the east and west of the pool. They are both significant historical, residential structures that should not be degraded by inserting an inappropriate commercial establishment between them.

2) HDBR review of the pool and paving is required. The proposed pool (for 110 people) is a structure under Section 13.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, which defines structure as "Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground..." As such, a Certificate of Appropriateness for the pool is required under Section 3.19 of the Ordinance. A COA is also required for paving under that same section. In order to obtain a COA, the Savannah Downtown Historic District Board of Review would have to conclude that the pool and the surrounding paving are visually compatible with the contributing buildings that are within view.

3) The permits are for single-family residential, not commercial. The Department of Buildings' permit for the pool, 23-00575-BR, issued 7/19/23 (attached), specified a "residential swimming pool." A plat recombination, 23-002121-SUBP (p. 2 attached), dated 6/23/2023, approved the recombination in Brown Ward of lot 43 and the west portion of lot 42 for a single-family purpose. However, if the project is instead going to be part of a commercial enterprise, Section 12.8(b) of the Zoning Ordinance provides that a permit may be revoked for false statements or misrepresentations made in securing the permit. In addition, Section 12.8(e) provides that a violation may be punishable as a misdemeanor.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at (646) 248-2050.


Sincerely,

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