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**From:** John Boon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:11 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** 1012 Richardson St. Public hearing October 14th 2021

Heritage alteration permit with variances # 00025 Thank you for the opportunity for public comment.

I live immediately next door to this property.

I have a concern regarding requests 1 and 2, that is to increase the building height and decrease the rear yard setback. From the designs online there seems to be reasonable attempt to keep the original design and feel of the building while apparently converting it into a duplex, but the twist to change the height and depth of the building are baffling.

As you are no doubt aware, there has been considerable work already on the conversion, obviously prior to this public hearing. There have been safety, nosies and WorkSafeBC issues. The noise bylaw officer has been involved and tells me he has spoken to the owners. There was an incident when bricks and mortar fell into our property. WorkSafeBC was involved.

In summary I am not opposed to the conversion that is shown online. It will likely enhance the neighbourhood.

I'd do have some questions though.

Why is the public hearing taking place after a lot of work has been done? It makes it seem that our opinion is irrelevant.

What is the reason for the height and setback variances?

Is it possible to ensure that structural repairs are done to the chimney to make it safe?

A few bricks have been put back but it is still a hazard.

Does the owner agree to follow City noise bylaws?

Does the owner agree to follow WorkSafeBC guidelines?

Thank you

John Boon

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**From:** Gopal Gowda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 10:44 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Heritage alteration permit with variances # 00025

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the renovation work next door to my residence.

I am not opposed to this work. However, please note the following points of concern:

- There has been significant work already done on the renovation (going on for at least the last 4-months), which is well before this hearing. Is that allowed? How meaningful is this “hearing” then? How relevant is my input?
- What is the point of permits and public hearings if the owner does what he/she feels like and the City does not enforce the rules?
- On numerous occasions, there was noisy work being conducted beyond 6 PM-weekdays, on weekends and on Stat-holidays
- Can we expect the City to have tighter controls on the project going forward in terms of the owner adhering to the City’s Noise and Safety Bylaws?

Thank you  
Dr. Gopala Gowda