

March 22, 2024

Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment Ordinance 240313

Dear Mayor Lucas, City Manager Platt and members of the City Council.

I am writing to you regarding the Barney Allis Plaza Redevelopment. Barney Allis was my great grandfather. Barney owned the Muehlebach Hotel. The hotel and, all of downtown Kansas City meant so much to Barney. After he died in 1962, the plaza was named after him. My father (Barney's grandson) spent a lot of time with Barney and at the hotel. Barney died before I was born, but my father has told me a lot of stories about Barney and his passion for the hotel and the area. I visited the area a number of years ago.

I have many pictures of the hotel, plaza, and Barney with all the different presidents, senators and many other people. His funeral service was at the plaza.

I understand that repairs do need to be made to the plaza to get it back to the state that it was once in. This is not just a plaza to me; it is part of my family history. I would like to take my kids there one day and show them what their great, great grandfather built. It would mean a great deal for my family if the repairs could be made to honor Barney and all that he worked for. He was such a great man who had some much passion for this area.

Thank you.

Debbie Wetherbee
(Barney's Great Granddaughter)