
Public comment re: 250838, Robeson receivership

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Good afternoon, Mayor Lucas and Council Members,

I appreciate the dialog on ordinance #250838 during the Finance Committee hearing earlier this week and, ultimately, their support to initiate a receivership action on the property at 8201 Holmes Road.

As stated in my testimony to the Finance Committee, I have followed the details of this property for several years and am frustrated by the continued decline in the overall condition relative to basic maintenance, public safety, and community responsibility. Unfortunately, the agreements intended to provide both involvement with and accountability to the community have not been effective and the very entity that provided the development opportunity (KCPS) has not consistently received property tax revenues under the current private ownership.

Receivership has been used effectively to address blight on private property when other means have not produced consistent long-term improvements. Through the oversight of a receiver, a clear plan can be executed for the former Robeson site. The current owner is not barred from participating but would be held accountable for executing a plan in the same manner as any other interested and responsible developer.

I urge you to support this strategy as a means to resolve long-standing issues on the former Robeson site and a model for other, equally harmful, privately owned properties that impact neighborhoods and communities across the entire City.

Thank-you,

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