
FW: Ordinance 260283 SMITH HALL

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I am a 10 year resident of Pendleton Heights and I support Ordinance 260283 to preserve Smith Hall by placing it on the KC historic Register. The building's history and architecture warrant passing this nomination. The building was erected as a nurses' quarters for the original Children's Mercy Hospital in 1927, founded by the Berry sisters, two pioneering women doctors in KC.

KCU is swallowing up our neighborhood. Over the last 40 years KCU has purchased and demolished at least 16 historic buildings in our area. In 2017 alone they demolished 6 at once, removing valuable housing from our neighborhood. They have zero regard for the historic character of the Historic Northeast, and have lied to the KC Star and said they don't have a pattern of demolishing historic buildings. They have just such a pattern, and have destroyed our history and replaced it with parking lots. My neighbors feel very strongly about this matter. We have a group of over 300 people following this issue closely.

KCU owns at least 8 empty parcels in our area right now that can be built upon. Preserving Smith Hall will not harm their mission or their future. My neighbors are also alarmed about the cloud of asbestos and lead paint dust such a demolition will release into our neighborhood.

Thank you.

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