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November 16, 2006

Greg Hickham, Chair
Historic Resources Commission
City Hall, 6 E. 6th St., P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044-0708

RE: DR-09-112-06 (1019 Kentucky Street)

Mr. Hickham and Commission Members

The Oread Neighborhood Association Board of Directors opposes the applicant's proposal to raze the structure located at 1019 Kentucky Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

The following is a review of the discussion of the proposed demolition prior to the decision to oppose the proposal:

The Board's preference is to preserve the existing housing stock in the neighborhood. The removal of the 1019 Kentucky structure would create a near lot size (50 foot) void between the two adjacent structures (the house on the north is on a ½ lot and the house on the south is positioned towards the south side of a full lot).

This property is within the boundaries of the future Oread Historic District. On November 18, 2006 the proposed Oread Historic District is to be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places. After the district has been approved, the rehabilitation of the structure may be eligible for federal and/or state tax credits.

The Board anticipates that tax credits do afford a prudent and feasible alternative to demolition.

Additional comment/concerns:

The recognition of the applicant's desire to fully inform (including an interior inspection by the board members of said property), is appreciated.

Both the applicant and the Oread Neighborhood Board have concerns for the proliferation of boarding house uses in the area of 1019 Kentucky Street. The apparent uncontrolled high density residential uses were offered to the neighborhood board as a primary reason for the applicant's desire to control this property.

Sincerely,


James C. Dunn, President

Cc: Lynne Braddock-Zollner, Historic Resources Planning Officer
Ellie Le Compte, Applicant