

**From:** Sally Stang  
**To:** Grace Rhyme  
**CC:** Ramona Williams  
**Date:** 07/02/2015 11:49 AM  
**Subject:** Re: WomanKraft Art Center Formal Opposition to proposed Downtown Motor Hotel Demolition

Ms. Rhyme,

All public comments and responses to public comments are posted on the website for ultimate transparency and can be found at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/downtown-motor-hotel-section-106-process>.

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Hello,

This message is coming to you from the core volunteers and members of the WomanKraft Art Center. WomanKraft is located at 388 s. Stone Avenue - directly across the street from the proposed 44 Unit building.

WomanKraft is a non-profit art center founded in 1974. We are 100% volunteer run. We have been at our 388 Stone address since 1991.

Please note that this is the second email we have sent to Sally Stang, and have received no reply or recognition to our opposition, nor did we receive any updates or information on this project. Which, is a violation on your behalf.

Our feelings are:

For one, it's an inappropriate site with an inappropriate building. No parking forethought and description of the rooms is closer to jails cells, as opposed to homes. Is this is the best we can do?

We were horrified by the emails sent back and forth between the developer and the Historic preservation office and quoted in the Tucson Weekly Article. Did anyone from HUD read these public records?

The biggest issue for us is WHY is this a done deal? It seems to be finalized, already done in back rooms, when everything is supposed to go through the neighborhoods. This is the kind of stuff that reeks of graft and bribery when backroom deals are done behind the people.

WomanKraft has spent 40 years in this community making this Historic neighborhood decent, and many other people and homeowners have been working here long before that! We have no interest in a 4 story building - the only one in the area we might add, come along and lower value of properties and create more parking issues. It is unreasonable to expect less than half of the units to be people without automobiles. It is unreasonable to the potential renters survive in rooms with no ventilation.

We would also like to mention we received NO notification at all from the developers with intent or information. We have since sent members to the meetings, we have personally called and contacted the Historic Preservation Office, and the City Hotline. We contacted Kgun9 News in the hopes of expressing the truth of how Armory Park and Barrio Libre feel about this issue.

We would very much like to urge you to stop this from happening, we encourage a land swap for something that fits better into the aesthetics of our neighborhood- a moderate two story for another moderate two-story.

It is our desire to see Tucson's historic neighborhoods well restored and pleasant for visitors and tourists

to enjoy. Having just had our Historic Status confirmed, we personally feel the necessity of keeping Tucson's architectural history alive.  
Please do not hesitate to call us for further explanation. We would love to express our worries of this tragedy. (520)629-9976

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