

July 13,2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like to share my concerns about Mr. Maxwell's current proposal to re-build the Ferro House.

- 1) Mr. Maxwell has pursued a building permit which is not commensurate with the agreed upon terms put forth by the MHRB on February 14, 2020. It was a surprise to me that the Planning and Building Department was willing to write up a permit simply based on his request.
- 2) Because the Ferro House is located in the Historical part of Mendocino, I believe that concerned neighbors, have the right to demand that Mr. Maxwell adhere to the requirements/ guidelines he has been given by the MHRB.
- 3) Building such a tall and unsightly Tower, along with adjacent units on the same property, does have a negative impact on the appeal of the entire community and diminishes the impact of the historical precedence of Mendocino's historical homes. In short, I believe that the Ferro House and units, if re-built as proposed, will detract from the underlying beauty, value and historical significance of other surrounding historical homes in this neighborhood.
- 4) Furthermore, Mr. Maxwell has not clearly outlined and informed the community about the actual materials he would use to supplant the old, nor disclosed all of his intentions behind the building of adjacent living units on the same property. He has only weakly addressed concerns of his neighbors and with some ambiguity, has not disclosed how plans to proceed practically. My understanding of the current state of the Ferro House, is that the current structures are not sound, and that, materials holding the structures up, are not worth salvaging; as was discussed at a previous MHRB meeting last year. Wouldn't it make better sense to "start over" and build a home that is commensurate with the style and essence of the historical district?

Given the above points, I am requesting that this proposal by Mr. Maxwell, not be allowed to move forward at this time.

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