
Letters to the Editor

***High-rise affordable housing
in Old Town, some deal***

Those looking for affordable housing land for new development should look no further than Cabrini Green (Aug. 21 Skyline).

Developer Fern Hill could have and should have hired a professional architectural firm with community planning experience. Instead, over three years they hosted a series of private and public conversations with Old Town commercial partners and neighbors on their design schemes.

Looks like we will all see if professional planning can rebuild neighborhoods. We might learn whether flawed concepts like affordable housing built within taller and taller towers makes good economic, housing, and transpor-

tation policy sense. Lots of concepts deserving rigorous analysis, not a wink and a nod.

It takes a lot of time to reverse decay or to attract new neighbors when crime and traffic congestion continue to impact neighborhoods.

These new schemes by the developer class are simple to see for what they are - low business risk land in established neighborhoods like Old Town with a profitable view for themselves while neighbors take a property value hit and absorb all the costs of traffic and congestion. Some deal.

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