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Borough of Riverton  
Municipal Planning Board  
505A Howard Street  
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Re: 409-411 Lippincott Avenue, Frederick Groves Mansion, Application for Subdivision

The Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Riverton opposes this application.

As our letter to the Planning Board dated June 21, 2021 stated:

“Subdivision and new infill, however, would permanently harm the Groves Mansion by removing its gracious setting and by crowding it closely with new construction.”

We have had no further communications from Mr. Brandenburger in many weeks.

However, we now understand that the side yard setback on the right side is also too narrow. This would now require two additional variances and would crowd the 1901 Groves Mansion even more closely than had been revealed.

We also wholeheartedly support the Architectural Review Committee's statement which the Planning Board requested. It states that the Mansion was designed to occupy the entire 225' parcel and that any change to that would be "a loss to the mansion, the historic fabric of the Borough and the neighborhood."

The need for variances gives the Planning Board full legal authority to deny the application. We respectfully request that it do so. We urge the applicant to preserve the Mansion and its grounds intact or to move quickly to find a buyer who will.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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President, Historical Society of Riverton