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To the Village Board and CPP,

While our home is not on the slate of properties for this discussion, we do have concerns about the expansion of properties added to “Landmark” status and the “Historic District”. Once properties have entered this status, there are many restrictions on property owners as to updating, changing, modifying, adding anything to their homes, even when the update is in the best interest of the property or the enjoyment/use the owner would have. In some cases, in the past, opinions have impeded a property owner based solely on a CPP member’s personal taste rather than on a tangible building code. In some cases, consistency in what is allowed and not allowed between homeowners has come into question.

Where is the Village and or the CPP heading in terms of continually adding properties or zones to the “Historic District”? Will we one day all be landlocked into this classification if we own a property within the Village limits? These are fair questions we have and would like answers to.

The current designation of our “Historic District” includes some very important properties, ones that should have the care and concern they deserve. The current District also encompasses the heart or center of Aurora on Main Street. These typically grand properties should be respected and maintained for their historic nature and those founding families that built them. That does not mean, however, that every property they may have touched or come into contact with off Main Street, should be deemed historic.

Therefore, we are opposed to the expansion of the CPP’s purview and the Village initiative in making additional properties a part of the Historic District.

Sincerely,

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