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Good Afternoon.

I am writing today after watching the meeting all over again. We met with Tim Blair, by chance, in February. It was a fluke we were informed at all. We hurriedly distributed flyers in the immediate neighbourhood and were amazed at the response. I think there were about 40 people interested in heritage conservation. He was supposed to get back to us in March but nothing transpired. We have tried countless times to be in touch with Ian Sloan, New Vision who last I knew steps from Locke St. on Charlton. Is that Ward 3? Never any response. Nrinder Nann says she wants to work with community on this but stated clearly her goal is affordable housing obtained only by demolition. Our group heard from her today to plan a meet up next Monday. Cutting it close, eh? There are two issues at stake. They are completely different, yet we are willing to achieve both in our proposals. Nrinder understandably wants affordable housing but will only gain 30 percent. Why wouldn't she jump at 100 percent somewhere else and prevent destruction of an irreplaceable icon? Ian Sloan mentions his goal as arising from the two merged congregation's dream but the majority of St. Giles's members did not transfer to Centenary. When things changed drastically and disrespectfully they moved on, too difficult for them to go along with his self serving "New Vision". The stripped interior of the church, organ played by previous Mayor Robert Morrow, who grew up there too, netted 46,000.00. I have no idea the monetary gain from the recent movie shoot rental, but I hear they pay very well. All sad anecdotes.

So.....look at our petition numbers. Read Rev. Douglas Moore's letter again, watch Lance Cole's gorgeous video one more time. It could be your last chance. Sarah's succinct presentation says it all. If New Vision still won't work with St. Giles's ghosts, then it must be protected, designated to the heritage registry, sold to those who will respect it's present day worth in the community and City of Hamilton.

She is looking for a wonderful new life. Only your vote can give it. Because we have no strategy for conservation as yet, this is SO MUCH more important now.

What is the rush to place another vacant lot on Main Street? I just do not understand it.

Again, with feeling, Janet Long.

Please distribute to all councillors and Mayor. Thank you.