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"But sometimes, as neighborhoods change, what made them special in the first place is eroded or disappears altogether because community members didn't take the time to consider what direction they really wanted to go—and if that was where they were headed."

I believe this is the most insightful statement made in the entire BTV South End Plan. But I don't believe the plan is truly in keeping with this premise.

I'm referring primarily to the inclusion of new housing as part of the development of the south end. Like others, I believe that the enterprise zone, which is only 4% of the city, should continue to be preserved as an industrial use area. It seems obvious that developers will opt to create housing projects as they are more profitable than creating spaces for businesses. Consequently, the majority of the available land will be taken up with housing. This is an obvious threat to sustaining businesses and artists in the enterprise zone, and clearly a substantial change to the unique quality of our neighborhood.

Myself and others have asked our city council representatives, Joan Shannon and Chip Mason, to propose that the housing portion of the BTV South End Plan be removed. Please take new housing out of the BTV South End Plan.

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