

5051 Brand Road

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Wed 7/1/2015 3:58 PM

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Thad and Jessica – someone brought to my attention today that you’re considering demolishing the lovely 1880 Italianate home at 5051 Brand Road. I hope you’ll reconsider this, as it’s a one of a kind, irreplaceable bit of Dublin history.

It’s impossible to predict what a future owner might do with this home, but if it’s destroyed that opportunity will never come. Some of the most beloved historic homes in the country were at one time considered for demolition but were saved and are now cherished parts of our architectural heritage.

The same can also be said of entire districts of homes, some right here in Columbus – German Village, Italian Village, the Short North, etc. All were, at one time, slated for demolition.

I believe that our community has a responsibility to protect our architectural heritage. Buildings are so much than just “things” - our buildings are a part of the definition of who we are now because they help us understand who we were before; we devalue ourselves and our community when we obliterate our collective past.

Clearly, the Dublin community prefers an architecturally eclectic city, one where new buildings and old buildings complement each other, and where old homes and old neighborhoods bump up against each other. We all appreciate the character and charm of “Old Dublin”, even as we insert new homes and new buildings into the gaps in our historic village center. That wasn’t always the case but thankfully, we didn’t destroy our own heritage before we realized its value.

The same is also true in the less-dense parts of town like Brand Road, where old and new homes complement each other well. Building new homes is fine; demolishing homes of great character to make way for them is not.

Please reconsider your intentions for this home. If the house doesn’t suit your needs, fine - but leave it for another, someone who will appreciate the history and character of the home, and will keep it for the enjoyment of future generations.

Perhaps the attention that’s being brought to this house will make that someone aware of its existence, and they’ll come forward to give it new life. The home has lasted 135 years; a few more, waiting for the right person, won’t hurt.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: Herron place on Brand Road; demolition

Jane Fox <foxjv@aol.com>

Tue 6/30/2015 6:18 PM

Inbox

To: Jenny M. Rauch <jrauch@dublin.oh.us>;

I just received this email from Neil Mathias.
Jane

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Neil Mathias" <neil@neilmathias.com>

Date: June 30, 2015 at 12:44:55 PM EDT

To: tholton@columbus.rr.com, foxjv@aol.com

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Herron place on Brand Road; demolition

Reply-To: "Neil Mathias" <neil@neilmathias.com>

Tom and Jane, The house has been vacant since the passing of Donn's mother about 2.5-3 years ago. The condition has not deteriorated much since then. It has been in pretty rough condition for awhile according to Donn, long before his mother passed away.

There are major structural issues with the house including the entire West wall of the house having dropped over 4 inches and pitching inwards causing cracks in the field of the wall that you can put your hand into. We have had engineers assess the property as well as a builder with over a million sqft of historical restoration experience. The issues at hand are: shoring up of foundation, termite damage, water intrusion, Wall and floor structure, roof framing, siding, windows and doors. The 2 porches don't have sufficient foundations and require completely being rebuilt. Both feel the house is beyond restoration and restoring essentially would entail a Disney Land affect of it being not a true historical house but a recreation. The ball park average estimate just for the structural work to the house and not including any upgrades was \$606,000. This would be on top of the purchase cost of the property.

Attached are just a couple of the images of the current condition.

Please feel free to reach out to me with further questions.

Neil Mathias

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From: <tholton@columbus.rr.com>

Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

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The white brick house at 5051 Brand Road is slated for demolition and we might be able to save it. The building is a wonderful structure although I am not certain of its exact condition. Please read the attachment and help Jane Fox with the ARB collect some information. Thank you.

Tom Holton

for the Dublin Historical Society

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And if you can think of anyone else who might know something, please forward this and copy me. Thanks!