

“We have a housing crisis in our [Southside] community”

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Gadfly wrapping up for now coverage of the Community Development committee meeting on regulating student housing (click **“Southside”** under topics on the sidebar for previous posts).

6 of the 7 Council members attended this committee meeting and spoke after the resident input.

Councilwomen Van Wirt and Negron spoke explicitly of getting the proposed ordinance to Council ASAP.

Councilwoman Crampsie Smith was the most eloquent of the bunch in supporting the proposal.

“The Southside was a melting pot . . . rich in diversity . . . If we don’t do something like this ordinance, we are putting a nail in the coffin of the origins of the city and the ideals and values on which it was built, and, worse, we are utterly disregarding all the immigrants that sacrificed so much to form that rich community that is and still could be the Southside.”

