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Regarding the Nelson Distillery Warehouse historic property designation:

I am in support of Individual Designation as a historic property. I live at 1339 Hull Street which makes me one of the closest homes to this property by direct line measure. There is considerable economic advantage associated with protecting the historic fabric of communities. Especially when that historic fabric is directly connected to the placemaking image adopted by the city. Louisville has put much economic attention into positioning our city as part of the bourbon experience. The Nelson Distillery Warehouse, should it be preserved, would dovetail with this image for our city.

I support mixed use of the property that may include living, commerce, arts, entertainment and office space. It exists on a major artery with bus transportation into downtown. It would increase the walkability of the area. It is adjacent to a city park, and it is properly scaled to the existing use structure of the community. All good things.

Further, the brick building is beautiful and helps tell the story of the neighborhood. I have heard stories of barrels from this distillery warehouse being used to build temporary bridges during the 1937 flood.

It would almost certainly cost more to adapt this structure to mixed use than to raze it and build something new from the ground up. That is probably not in dispute. However, the long term economic advantage would overcome the up front costs of adaptive reuse. It is incumbent upon the city leadership to look 20 years into the future or further and to value long range visions over immediate returns on investment from the development community.

Please help the neighborhood save this landmark structure as it transitions into modern use. They aren't making brick buildings like that one anymore but they are certainly part of the iconic nature of Irish Hill and Louisville.

Thanks you,
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