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**Subject:** Proposed zoning changes

Hello Liz,

Thanks for making the copy for me of the proposals, if that is the proper name.

Referring to 2.3.040, **I do recommend** it be changed to include wood and metal working, in the "commercial GC district," assuming that is the zone proposed for Sing Lee Alley.

In addition to that, you told me that the plan is to preserve Sing Lee Alley's historical construction appearance, calling for wood siding and steel roofs. I've attached two interesting photos from Sing Lee Alley's past. I don't have dates for them.

0287 shows what for a long time was the Salvation Army Corp church building, just north of what is now called the Enge Apartment building. It and the next building (where Chief John Lot street is) obviously have sawed cedar shingle roofing. The Enge Building in the photo had vee lap siding as most of the buildings on the street now have, but right now it has of all things, asbestos shingle siding, no doubt applied over the old wood vee lap boards.

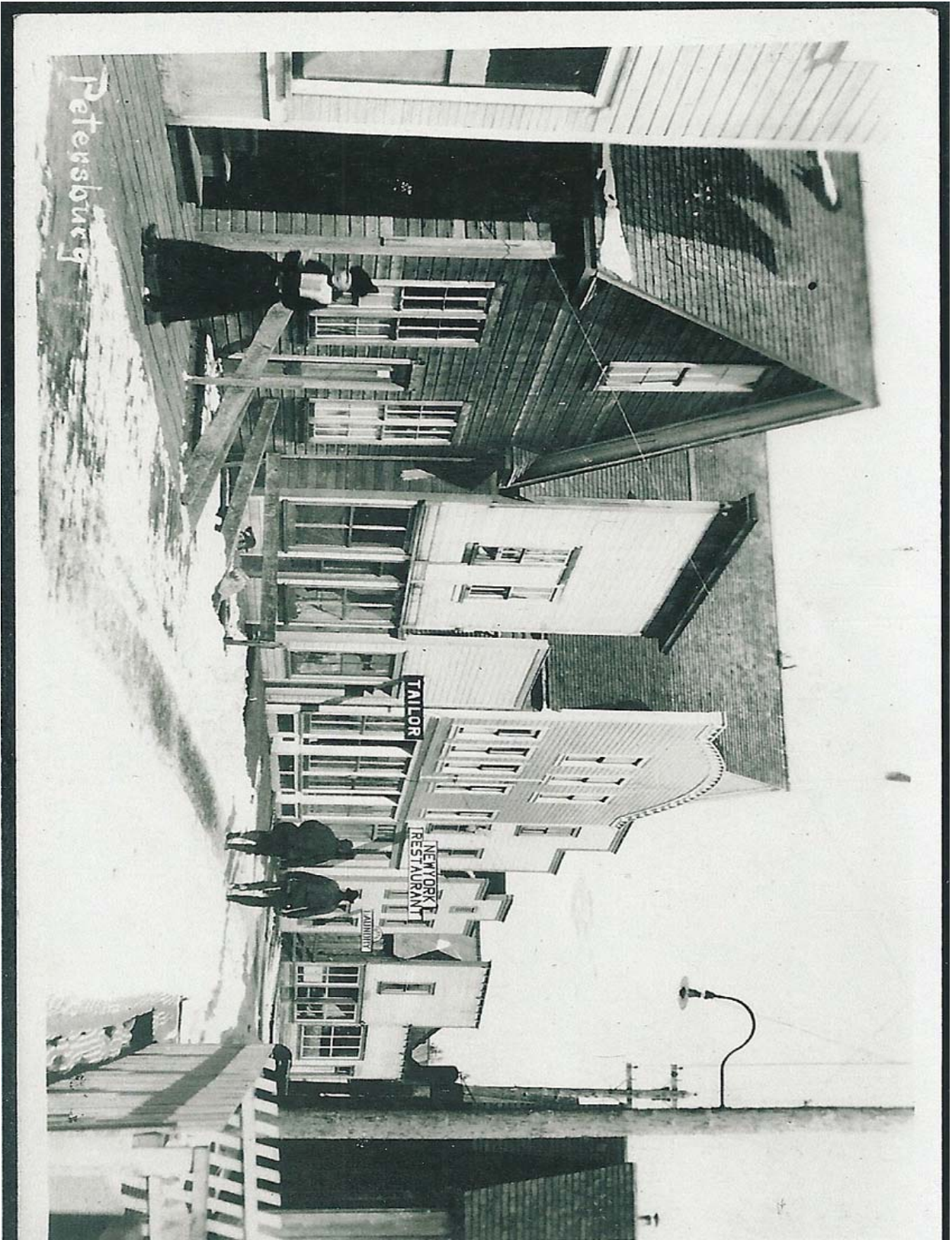
Photo 0291 shows a house that doesn't exist now. Anyone who can tell me about it is apparently long gone. Someone has tried to convince me that it is the house we now live in, 15 S. Sing Lee Alley, but it is definitely different, is a bit farther north and is facing in a different direction. It has a sawed shingle roof also.

The roofing of our house was in terrible condition when we bought it in 1970. The most recent material was corrugated aluminum that had been put on over composition asphalt shingles, with evidence of sawed cedar shingles before that.

As to specifying wood siding, you might want to clarify that by generally calling for vee lap boards. You probably wouldn't want wood siding to be plain plywood or T1-11 plywood or the like. Historically there was a lot of buildings on the street, especially adjacent to the bridge, that had simple vertical boards, some with battens at their joints. I think I could find a photo of at least one of them. My warehouse building has siding like that, but I added the battens because when I bought the building, it's 1" x 12" siding boards had up to 3/4 inch gaps from shrinkage that wind whistled through. We even tacked a lot of tin can lids over open knot holes. Therefore, I think that a possible new little building adjacent to the bridge, that I have a kind of secret dream for, would have vertical batten-board siding, to look really historically authentic. I guess I could tell you about it, but then it wouldn't be a secret any longer.

Thanks for allowing my input. Please give me a call if we should visit further and I'll come by again.....cell number 650-0330.

Regards, Harvey





Between 1914 & 1927?



