

## Historic Character (71 comments)

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*As a 40 year resident, Ansley seems to have lost sense of appreciation of its history, eccentricities, and with that a lessening of cohesion and neighborhood.*

*We will lose the wonderful quality of life that we currently have if we become an area with multiple condos.*

*That it remain a low density neighborhood. I understand the population of the city of Atlanta is increasing but there is adequate areas that are in need of redevelopment with out changing neighborhoods like AP.*

*I think we are at risk for becoming a neighborhood with lost character and charm....Lots are being cleared of both trees and existing houses....newer house structures are being built, which in many cases are not proportional to the lot - TOO HUGE. Set backs and height restrictions seem to be disregarded and permits granted for any size of structure including a new house on my street with an excessively tall chimney and a design that defies architectural context. How is this type of structure permitted?*

*with current house diversity, i think it is late to implement a design committee? who is to say what is right. that will tensions in the hood.*

*I think we are at risk of a loss of community built on a shared belief of preserving this historic residential oasis with a mature tree canopy in the city. It seems more and more owners/developers want to buy a lot for only the lot so they can construct a BIG home with little disregard for the houses on their street....seems to be all about what an individual wants to do, not how can I be a part of this community....are we becoming a neighborhood with reduced sensitivity to to the historic context of Ansley Park?*

*Maintaining the historic character which attracted us to move here 45 years ago. We rented on Peachtree Circle for 3 years, 10 years on The Prado, and over 30 years on 17th.*

*the entire neighborhood should preserved as one of Atlanta's historic treasures.*

*Changing character which has made this neighborhood so special; retain its 1910 feeling*

*New construction that is out of scale with neighbors and/or detracts from the character of the neighborhood*

*Continuing to keep this a unique and historic neighborhood. Please no macmansions, go to the suburbs for that!*

*Maintaing historical feel*

*It is my opinion that all past attempts to impose historic design standards on Ansley Park private home sites have failed due to Ansley's diversity of architectural styles which have emerged over time and which reflect the diversity of our city - past, present and future. I believe what makes Ansley Park a historic and valuable residential neighborhood lies in it's original Olmstedian planning which links it to Atlanta's Piedmont Park "Emerald Necklace". The walkable infrastructure, planning and greenspace is what makes Ansley Park a unique and historic urban neighborhood. This is what needs to be protected by focusing on traffic calming, crime prevention and public park funding. Focusing on imposing private residential aesthetic style requirements misses the mark. Many of these questions are too vague & generalized to respond to. For example, requiring a certain number of trees per home site depends on the type of tree and site's circumstances. There already are height restrictions for residential dwellings.*

*maintaining historic character*

*That one day it will cease to exist as it currently does.*

*Ansley Park is valuable because of its curvilinear streets, single family dwellings, and lack of new development. It needs to stay that way.*

*Preserving the historic character, existing home and trees.*

*maintaining wide streets*

*I am in favor of neighbors who care about the historic integrity of our neighborhood to stand together to protect Ansley Park.*

*historic homes that could be renovated to maintain the historic heritage of our neighborhood is at high risk.*

*I would like the future Ansley Park to be the same as I know it today (i.e. keep the charming character, neighborhood feel, greenspaces, walkability, safety, etc.)*

*It has already lost some of its character because of the traffic circles that were put on The Prado and Peachtree Circle. We need to do what we can to preserve the original charm and character of the neighborhood.*

*Preserving it as an historic residential oasis in a growing city*

*I think it critical to balance preservation with freedom. A well crafted plan allows owners room for improvement and innovation while preserving the general character of the neighborhood*

*The wholesale demolition of the older homes and loss of tree canopy and that the new homes that are being built do not fit the scale and character of the neighborhood.*

*Maintaining the value of the neighborhood by keeping plots, safety, beauty and current capacity of the neighborhood.*

*If we want to preserve the character of the neighborhood, we need to consider how to manage remodeling as well as teardowns. Have a look at Sherwood Forest, where most of the ranch-style houses have been so remuddled that the neighborhood has lost its moxie.*

*Too many modern style homes, changes neighborhood design*

*Maintaining the beauty and security of Ansley in the midst of a changing city,*

*maintaining lot layouts.*

*That we will lose our unique intown identity.*

*Having grown up here in this area and gone to Spring Street Elementary, Ansley was always a luscious area to be and live in. The atmosphere has changed somewhat but maintaining that previous living quality is of premium importance.*

*loss of neighborhood character*

*The charming character of the neighborhood is quickly being supplanted by the construction of dull, replication housing that over-stresses square-foot-per-plat rather than community appeal. Further, these new homes are wasteful and destructive to the ecological and human environment.*

*Preserving this family-friendly, crime free, socially-minded, aesthetically-pleasing community.*

*residential feel*

*Maintenance of a neighborhood feel*

*New construction that is inconsistent with the original design and current character of Ansley Park*

*losing its character which started with the traffic calming plan that eliminated the wide Olmstead inspired boulevards and interesections replaced with traffic roundabouts that have done nothing to slow down traffic and get damaged on a regular basis*

*love the village feel of Ansley*

*growth, character*

*modern architecture does not fit the historic character of the neighborhood*

*Maintaining historical character including lower flow of traffic (compared to nearby thoroughfares)*

*I want to keep the neighborhood in tact.*

*That it loses its character due to development and new construction that is out of scale with the neighborhood. This neighborhood was designed with lot sizes to match the terrain and provide a mix of homes. We cannot allow single family lots to be carved up into two or more lots - if that happens Ansley Park will no longer be Ansley Park.*

*Homes with the distinction of being 100 years old or older should have a bronze marker to identify them, similar to what Charleston has done. It could instill a sense of pride in owning or renovating a legacy home instead of tearing down.*

*I am for maintaining historic character, but not at the sacrifice of quality/beauty: if a house is an eyesore, an owner should be allowed to take it down as a potential option, even if it's considered historic  
Maintaining historic character of neighborhood, walkability and tree canopy while allowing residents to build and improve their homes in ways that do not harm others*

*lose historic feel*

*loss of trees, new homes of excessive size (or house/lot ratio), loss of character as a 100+ year old neighborhood.*

*Losing historic character of homes*

*Tearing down original houses and putting huge modern houses in place of them.*

*Character altering and zone challenging architecture and newly constructed oversized residences that obscure views.*

*The Park is being redeveloped by people who see it as an attractive physical location in the city, and not as a historic neighborhood. They are taking our neighborhood away from us. one property at a time. And après nous, le déluge.*

*I am older, grew up in Buckhead, had Grandparents and two Aunts and Uncles who lived their whole lives in Ansley Park! I have lived in Ansley Park longer than anywhere else, in a house and after empty nesting, in Westchester Square. The way things are going some of the houses look like old Buckhead, which to me is a shame. I like it when people redo the inside of a house and preserve the original home.*

*Changing topography that affects neighbors through thoughtless razing of houses and clear cutting causing erosion.*

*Living in Ansley and walking the streets, using the public spaces and the purposeful intent of the association and neighbors exceeds that of any neighborhood in Atlanta*

*Ansley Park is a special place in ATL and we should all work to maintain this*

*Ansley is a vital part of the identity of Atlanta*

*Preserving it as it is*

*new construction diluting historic character of the neighborhood.*

*That we lose our character and our community*

*Maintain the wonderful historic charm, park-like feel, and residential community*

*Maintaining the character of the neighborhood.*

*That we are losing the charm of living in a historical neighborhood.*

*Losing character.*

*There must be room for old in town historic neighborhoods such as Ansley Park to be kept in order to enhance the character of Atlanta..if not the city will look like any other...*

*Define historic. Not every house is historic and okay to be torn down*

*I would like to draw attention to the difference between age and historical significance. I do not believe these two are the same. We have the opportunity to create historically significant things every day...age can only come with time...but does age alone create significance?*

*The historic housing stock is not such high quality. New construction has generally been of good design -- an improvement over historic housing stock. I can think of few ugly McMansions.*