

Hi Stephanie,

Thank you for notifying me of the meeting on February 18th and for supplying a copy of the plans that have been submitted to the Planning and Environment Committee.

I was very surprised to see that the plans are quite different from the ones that were presented by Zelinka Priamo at the open house 2 weeks ago. I was even more surprised to see that the changes they have made still do not address the main concerns that were presented at the meeting and that have been voiced by the Bishop Hellmuth Community as a group and by local residents individually.

The signage is still too glaring and the background colour dominates the top third of the walls facing Oxford and Waterloo making it totally inappropriate for a heritage district. Historic pictures in the Waterloo Street face wall are not enough to overcome the strip-mall architecture. The placement of windows looking into an employee lunchroom at the corner of Oxford and Waterloo, instead of an entrance, is an insult to the neighbourhood. This building is at the entrance to a pedestrian friendly neighbourhood and as such it should have an entrance at the street corner.

I hope the Planning and Environment Committee will carefully review these plans and see that the appearance of the building is not compatible with the century homes that populate the neighbourhood and that by focusing on vehicular traffic and not pedestrians they have spurned the residents of the very neighbourhood they wish to service.

I hope that you are able to forward my email or at least make it available to the committee for review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
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