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Subject: Mill Plaza | request for tabling until offsite parking location is determined
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:33:02 AM

Greetings, Rick --

Please forward this email to the Planning Board. Thank you.

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According to the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Planning Board meeting, Lorne Parnell said this:

I'd just like to propose a motion that we continue this public hearing until, rather than a date certain, I would say, until the applicant is able to come back to us with a project for which they have, at least in general principles, an agreement with Hannaford.

I hope that at its August 26th meeting, the Board will discuss a similar motion regarding the position that Hannaford has stated in its letter to the Board dated August 10, 2020 in response to the traffic study submitted by Colonial Durham. To do otherwise is to continue to waste Board, staff, and resident time and energy as well as taxpayer dollars that support the guidance of our Community Planning Consultant.

Support from Hannaford -- which, it is my understanding, has legal authority over changes to the entire Mill Plaza -- continues to be contingent upon a nonexistent parking lot development for which no formal application has yet been submitted.

Even if such an application were submitted today, there is no guarantee that it would be approved, and even if approved, it might only further extend the review process for the Plaza.

Furthermore, without parking for the proposed new residential buildings, it is highly unlikely that those structures could ever be transformed into use by nonstudent residential tenants -- or by commercial tenants. That potential for transformation at some point in the future should be a high priority for a Planning Board.

Regards,

Robin Mower
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