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To: Michael Behrendt

Subject: 56 Main Street | bicycle racks, trash/recycling, parking fee, sidewalk

Greetings, Michael --

Please share this email with the Planning Board. Thank you in advance.

1) TRASH / RECYCLING -- Many thanks to those who urged a better solution to the trash and recycling *route* for the restaurant. If I understand correctly, the proposal now includes a door directly to the alley. The proposal to carry out refuse around the building to the alley was impractical at best.

Recycling collection schedule: Is weekly collection truly sufficient for a restaurant, particularly if it will be combined with the residential condo pickup? Does the Town currently collect for any other restaurant, or do the restaurants rely on private collection only? What is the projection for the proposed use compared to the existing use? (Is there precedent / experience / data? Likely DPW will evaluate.)

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2) BIKE STORAGE -- First, I question whether the alley is the appropriate place for bike storage -- which I assume will be for condominium residents. A lot will be happening back there -- primarily garbage and recycling, unless I am mistaken. (How would you like to have to park and retrieve your bike next to dumpsters?) Bike storage should be higher on the priority list and not merely a *squeeze it in where possible.* Ideally, covered storage would be provided immediately inside an external door.

At the bottom of this email is an earlier thread (with the Town Planner, Energy Committee, and other residents) regarding **choice of bike rack styles recommended for stability of bike parking, i.e., two-point support.** I would suggest that this be a criterion and that the U-shaped bike racks, known by bicyclists to be of inferior functionality, not be identified as the style of choice in the Notice of Decision. (Indeed, I was hopeful that the voluminous advice provided years ago to the Town Planner and the Planning Board would find its way into future projects. **We should require installation of racks that offer two points of support.**)

EXCERPT FROM BELOW EMAIL THREAD:

"Wave style racks are not recommended. Bicyclists commonly use a "wave" rack as if it were a single inverted "U." This limits the actual capacity of the rack to two bikes regardless of the potential or stated capacity. Bicycles parked perpendicular to a wave rack (as intended by the manufacturer) are not supported in two places and are more likely to fall over in the rack. The advertised capacity of a wave rack is usually much higher than the practical capacity."

3) PARKING WAIVER FEE: Other residential projects built/renovated downtown that offer no parking have been required to pay a parking waiver fee. I don't see anything unique about the condominium-conversion portion of this project that would speak to a waiver of this fee..

4) SIDEWALK: Would this be an appropriate time to ask the Town to consider **widening the sidewalk** along Jenkins Court? I can imagine restaurant patrons standing in the street as they enter or exit. If we want this restaurant to succeed, we could help provide a more gracious access, if there is room to do so.

Regards,

-- Robin

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*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.*

-- Theodor Seuss Geisel, author and illustrator