

**From:** Raymond Detter

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 2:16 PM

**To:** Luke Bonner <

**Cc:** Christine Crockett; Norman Tyler; Don Duquette; Paul Dunlap; Steve Dykstra; Steve Kehm; Larkin MacDonald; John Myefski; Kurt Wiksten

**Subject:** Re: The Graduate Project Follow Up

Luke and Others,

Some of the members of the Ann Arbor Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council were very pleased to have the opportunity to attend one or more of the four meetings arranged by you and the architects and owners of The Graduate Hotel to discuss plans to add a 9th floor restaurant and bar to your building on East Huron Street.

As you know, our questions covered a number of important issues that needed to be dealt with: Avoidance of any negative impacts upon residential neighbors as well as potential nearby traffic and parking issues, possible architectural and design improvements, plans and future use of the adjoining historically designated Harris Hall building and property, servicing of the new restaurant and bar, possible noise and headlight issues, and construction of a barrier wall between the hotel parking and the residential homes on East Ann Street.

Although the Citizens Advisory Council is not prepared to take an official position supporting the specific variances required for this development, we were pleased with your willingness to make changes we suggested in the design of your addition. We were also very pleased that owners of the building seemed willing to include the naming of a person who would be individually identified as an official liaison available to deal with any problems or complaints that might be raised in the process of constructing and operating this addition to the Graduate building.

Ray Detter, Chair

Ann Arbor Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council

On Feb 21, 2018, at 11:16 AM, Luke Bonner <[luke.bonner@bonnerag.com](mailto:luke.bonner@bonnerag.com)> wrote:

Good morning,

Great to see you all last week (expect the New Zealand vacationers). Per the meeting wrap up; The City asks that we collect any letters supporting the project. We are certainly hopeful you could take the time send an email to me regarding your opinion/thoughts on the project. I will forward your email on to Steve Dykstra to include in a packet update to the City. I've attached the PDF versions of the plans you saw last week. Below are the key contacts for the Graduate Hotel, and at the bottom is the time and location of the ZBA meeting. We hope you can make it! Let me know if you have questions.

Key Contacts:

Larkin MacDonald:

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