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**From:** Chris Grant <cgrantaa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:42 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** To Shannon Gibb-Randall

This is just a quick note to her - I watched the video and thought that her comments during the meeting, especially with regard to Table 5-15, were logical and sensible.

That's all.

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**From:** Karen Wight <karenwwight@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:07 PM  
**To:** Christine Crockett  
**Cc:** Planning; Ellen Ramsburgh; Ellen Thackery; Ilene Tyler; Wineberg Susan  
**Subject:** Re: The PUD project proposed for 2857 Packard Road

Christine - Thanks so much for sharing this! It is precisely the question that I have been stumbling towards!

As you have probably heard, one of our City Council reps, Zach Ackerman, is dealing with some alcohol issues, so I don't expect we will be able to get much help from him in particular, but I have expressed my sincere desire to have some political reps on hand at the NEXT meeting to give the City's interpretation of the whole business to date, as opposed to the builder and consultant's pretty pictures (all expressed publicly on NextDoor web board). Time for me to send an explicit invitation, though

An additional CPM is scheduled for April 11 (I gather because so many in this nhood - including me - never received notice of the March 21 meeting), and I have been reaching out to several folks in this and nearby neighborhoods RE the larger questions raised by the real flush of development on this side of the city. I expect to begin contacting my County reps over the next few days as well, since the traffic implications for this important corridor between A2 and Ypsi will have more than just a city effect.

One interesting bit of info: The very adult son of the folks who own the large parcel between 2857 Packard and Chesterfield (site of a nice large bungalow) attended the March 21 meeting and rose to express his 'disgust' that anyone would question the current owner of the site, or the builder who wanted to put such nice houses on it. Evidently he (and his parents?) have very warm feelings for Robert Weber, the owner. I suspect they were also pleased that the developer was going to leave some more trees between the new development and their own property.

Steve Kunselman was also at the meeting. He raised some questions, but seems to believe the development would happen regardless. In conversation afterwards, he mentioned that he had heard that the owner, Mr. Weber, may be ill, perhaps with cancer.

Of the many others (and it was quite a turn out) who attended the March 21 meeting, most folks seemed most agitated by the water and sewer issues that we perceive as a threat to all the properties between the site and Mallets Creek. The trees on that property now soak up a great deal of water, and yet we STILL have flooding issues during periods of heavy rain. The consultant countered that the development would 'capture' much of the water currently entering the site from uphill (toward the water tower) and direct it into the (inadequate) city systems.

I was the only person who raised a question about the farm house, and the consultant and builder just let my question lie - they offered no answer, no defense, no offense. Just silence. My husband affirmed my reading of the situation as pretty shady - the developer is definitely hoping to deflect any attention to the historic character of the house and indeed the whole site.

Aargh. Sorry for my screed. Thank you for your continued attention to this issue. I am becoming more and more convinced of the need to be proactive in my defense of historic properties. I suspect I will be attending a LOT of planning and zoning meetings.

All good wishes,  
Karen

On Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 4:04 AM Christine Crockett <[christinecrockett8@gmail.com](mailto:christinecrockett8@gmail.com)> wrote:

I would like to contact the person in the planning department who is working with the developer on the the PUD at 2857 Packard Road. I would be so grateful to get the name of the planner, specifically I'd like to find out what the public benefit is for this project.

Could someone please contact me as soon as possible before the public participation meeting?

Thank you,

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**From:** Laura Strowe <leksarts@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2019 3:14 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Broadway Park

To the Planning Commission:

I wrote to you recently expressing my support of Roxbury Development's request for a PUD to develop the former DTE lot. This issue is before you again this coming Tuesday at your meeting, and since I cannot attend the Public Hearing, I am writing to voice another concern about this proposed project.

Part of the proposal is for a 9-story hotel. What I have been hearing from many neighbors is that the placement of the hotel is objectionable. Right off the Broadway Bridge means that it will be blocking the view of the river. Together with the new 1040 Broadway development further along....it will mean 2 huge towering structures framing the street, blocking views of the hillsides and the river. Is this what we want in our town? In other places we are seeking to free the river up for the public, and here we are blocking the view of it to the public. How will this "invite" people to the park that is also on the property? I submit to you that it is self-defeating, that it will make the park less of a destination. People going to the park will first have to make their way past the retail, restaurant and hotel structures and traffic.

In addition, again, we should be freeing up the river for the entire public, not just the patrons of the hotel and the restaurant to view.

If nothing more, I would ask that the hotel be spread out over the hotel/retail/restaurant complex, rather than be in one tall tower. My understanding from prior meetings ( as I write the agenda is not yet out for this coming meeting) is that the hotel is proposed to be 9 stories and the rest of the hotel/retail/restaurant complex is 1-2 stories. We would all be happier if the whole complex was winnowed down to 4 stories, thus sacrificing none of the square footage but resulting in a less imposing, less forbidding entry into the development. I would also suggest that the hotel/retail/restaurant complex be further from the river, so that the riverfront is freed up for the public and a path along the river would clearly be the pedestrian and bicycle entry for the park.

Thank you.

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