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Subject: Reprise: let's be very thoughtful about how we use 415 West Washington please

This site, 415 West Washington, has been the gateway from downtown to the Old West Side neighborhood for many decades for walkers, drivers and pedestrians. Washington is a major thoroughfare for us.

We have had discussions at each opportunity with citizens and staff informing each other. Housing, greenway and scale have been mentioned during workshops for the Central Area Plan, A2D2, Design Guidelines, D2 zoning including buffers and the re-writing of the historic district code in 2007. There was even an RFP incorporating these goals that went nowhere before the taskforce for the Greenway started what became the Treeline Trail.

We have heard more recently about chimney swifts, flood concerns and traffic issues.

Much is desired of this space at 415 W Washington but we need to be realistic given the concerns above, topography and the requirements of building in the historic district.

It is this last that is to be weighed now in conjunction with proposals from Smithgroup, Joe Lambert and others. Regardless of what is proposed, what can be built must fit with the historic district as all other new construction has done.

The Mark, Liberty Lofts, and the YMCA are examples of projects held to historic district standards without undue burden and with acknowledged success.

You will hear from others on this topic now and when what is proposed moves forward in the system; all of us are asking you to apply your standards. There are eyes on this prize.

Thank you.

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