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Dear Planning Commission Members,

We are quite concerned about the perceived lack of integration into the neighborhood of the lot plans. Further, the developer keeps reiterating that "We don't HAVE to do this." Hmm. I don't question that, but a amicable attitude would go a long way. We need public access a small park, pathway past Traver Creek. That would do so much to create good will. We need integration into the neighborhood, a sense of community. We don't need rental, retail, workforce.... A place that is shut off from the rest of the neighborhood. We are a community with an historic district. We have neighborhood gatherings. We try to maintain traffic islands with flowers and trimming to contribute to a cohesive sense of Ann Arbor. This is, after all a main route into town!

That is why I proposed that the developer take the extremely generous step of making the lighting accord with the lighting on the Broadway Bridges. Why not take it all the way up the hill? Think of the good will that would generate. Think of the positive publicity!

A developer that cares! A developer that contributes to the neighborhood! If such were the case, it could create a much-needed trend in Ann Arbor, a town that tends to be in danger of being submerged/obliterated by development.

I understand tax bases and business and brown fields. I do. I am hoping that you will understand the acute wrench of feeling one's neighborhood is endangered. Change is inevitable. But, let us work together for positive change. Please!

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