

From: April Maddy
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2021 2:31 PM
To: DiLeo, Alexis <ADiLeo@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: TC1 Proposal

Dear Alexis,

Thank you for your email. I had to read a few newspaper articles via Google search to understand what are your goals. I propose that you if you want high-rise buildings, then do it on top of the Briarwood mall, where it obstructs no one's sun. If you learn more about the history of Ann Arbor, this complaint has been common among its denizens for centuries: <https://aadl.org/aaobserver/15599> . I lived at the Forest Plaza mentioned in this article, and the referenced professors were right on every point that they made against building the multi-story building there. Furthermore, living in such a multi-story building does not do well for its denizens, as you hear a neighbor at every wall, and the echoes of passersby off the alleyways constructed of neighboring buildings kept one up at night.

One must not forget how well the Tower Plaza is holding up, where its leasees cannot get a good night's sleep because of the constant construction noise created with the attempt to maintain the building's integrity, let alone the lack of fresh air because one cannot open the windows at a higher height.

Returning back to Brairwood mall: The city should own the air rights and lease it out to potential lessors to avoid the increase of privileged real estate owners. They treat their lessees terribly, anyway. Enough is enough. People should not live off of other people's rent to them and do the bare minimum to maintain them. If the city own the property, they can kick out bad real estate people, including those who get together to form a pact to jack up the rental units together.

The President of the University of Michigan help these people because there is plenty of space around the current North Campus housing to build more for their students, but he does nothing.

While building a multi-story parking garage along with the proposed high-rise of the Brairwood mall is not ideal, it is practical to deal with the vehicles of the potential owners, for the weather is freezing in Michigan, and there are long stretches of road between cities in the state, making owning a vehicle more practical. If you want to make it greener, add a green park adjacent to one side of the parking structure and a row of small mom-and-pop shops on the other side. Workers of those stores can walk to their work that way. Keep the first floor of the mall the same as it is and convert Sears into a Whole Foods and possibly combine that space with a YMCA or public gym designed similar to the Washtenaw Community College recreation center - indoor swimming included.

Keep in mind that people will ultimately want to live in their own home on their own plot of land. At least, that is my dream. There will be no one to argue with over who's burst pipe from the weather ruined their living space, reducing the flow of city court cases. Many Michigan natives are gardeners, farmers, and work with their hands at heart - meaning space for woodworking and other handcrafts are desired, along with living among nature.

Yes, I agree that State Street and E Eisenhower Parkway should be built out with more housing. The site with Buffalo Wild Wings is practically a ghost town, and the close proximity to the mall with the proposed new additions of a park, grocery store, etc. would go nicely together. The plot across Germaine Honda of Ann Arbor on S State Street is just begging to be redeveloped with residential housing. Also, do not forget S. Industrial highway around SHAR music. That could be a nice family neighborhood with one to two-story houses.

Again, thank you for your response, and an email with the Zoom link for the information meeting would be appreciated so that I can place it on my virtual calendar with ease and have an automatic reminder email at the appropriate times. - Also knowledge that citizens may voice their opinion at this meeting would be helpful. I would like to participate in what feels like a joint discussion - not solely be talked at by salespeople.

Sincerely,

April Maddy

From: April Maddy

Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2021 6:34 PM

To: DiLeo, Alexis <ADiLeo@a2gov.org>

Subject: TC1 Proposal

Dear Alexis,

Thank you for the postcard informing me of the TC1 proposal. Unfortunately, you do not provide much information on the postcard or the referred website for me to make an informed decision. My preference is the written word, and as many constituents such as myself may not have the time to attend the virtual meeting, this method should be available.

My overall feeling of this proposal from the very little information that you have provided is that you want to pour in more cement in my area and turn it into another downtown area like that surrounding the main campus of the University of Michigan -- Ann Arbor. If that is the case, I oppose it, for I do not wish to be disturbed by the loud, boisterous collection of college students with their marijuana and vaping smoke, inconsiderate of the working adults in the city who are rearing children. Furthermore, I enjoy the quiet, nature paths in my area.

I already get a hint of how disruptive a "Transit Corridor" may be when Michigan has their football games. No, thank you.

Regards,

April Maddy