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Greg Schwartz, Chairman
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Re: Petition #71-18: 83-127 and 106-128 JFK Circle

Dear Chairman Schwartz,

Please allow this letter to accompany the revised civil engineering plans which we submitted on March 28, 2018 for the Land Use Committee's review. In response to comments at the February 27, 2018 Public Hearing, the revised plans include the following changes to the previously submitted plans.

<u>Building #4-6</u>: The proposal to expand existing 2 parking spaces at Green Street to 3 parking spaces has been eliminated; the existing 2 spaces to remain as they are now. The plans added 3 bicycle racks next to the proposed Haywood House main entry.

Building #106: Added seating areas with landscaping at both ends of the building.

<u>Building #101-103</u>: The proposed parking is reduced from 6 to 5 spaces, all of which are standard size. The monument area is redesigned with new walkways and replacement trees.

Building #91-93: Curb cuts and a crosswalk are added over to end of Building #106.

Large Parking Lot Changes:

- a) Reworked parking layout to add a planting island.
- b) Resized all parking spaces to standard 8-1/2' x 19' dimensions.
- c) Moved the handicap parking aisle to be adjacent to the sidewalk.
- d) Enlarged the dumpster area.
- e) Added a snow storage area.
- f) Moved the shed from the end of Building #106 to the far end of parking lot.
- g) Added a fence at lot line to neighbor at 26 Green St.

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<u>Building # 124-128</u>: The parking along Green St (at end of #124-128) was reduced from 4 to 3 spaces and the distances from the building and to neighboring property have been adjusted. The parking spaces were resized to a standard 8-1/2' x 19' dimension.

<u>Drawing Set</u>: Finally, engineered site plans, details and calculations for drainage, grading, utilities and erosion control, and a landscaping plan (showing replacement trees and updated seating area) were provided to Engineering with the submission package.

It is our team's hope that these changes address concerns raised at the February 27, 2018 Public Hearing.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further at the next hearing on April 10, 2018.

Sincerely,

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