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From: snoerdlinger@maine.rr.com
Sent: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Planning Info
Subject: 9/7/22 Public Hearing comment - 40 Pleasant St.

To Members of the Historic District Commission,

As a resident of a townhouse on Porter Street, I would like to submit a written comment about the proposed exterior lighting for 40 Pleasant Street in Portsmouth for review at the September 7 Public Hearing on Applications. I am unable to attend this meeting in person.

It is lovely that the former Old Custom House will be renovated. This is a unique and impressive building in the heart of downtown Portsmouth.

My concern has to do with the proposed exterior lighting on the North and West sides of the building, specifically the lighting that is proposed to be placed just under the roof above the top floor windows. Lighting placed under the roof line on the North and West sides of the building (facing Porter and Church Streets) will shine directly into our living area. The light fixtures will be in our direct line of vision while we are in our home.

Certain lighting fixtures (such as those on the exterior of 40 Bridge St. in Portsmouth, among others) are incredibly harsh and hurtful to the eyes for some people. Having this kind of lighting on the exterior of 40 Pleasant Street shining into our living space would be detrimental. Other lights (such as incandescent lights which I know are not so much in use any more) that are "warmer" in tone, less bright, have a yellow/orange glow as opposed to a blue glow, are more tolerable to sensitive eyes.

As a migraine sufferer, who counts bright lights as a migraine trigger, I thought I would bring this concern to your attention in the hopes that we could discuss the matter and find a compromise for the exterior lighting that works well for all.

Thank you very much for considering my written comment on the Public Hearing on Applications on September 7.

Best, Susan Noerdlinger

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From: Ken Goldman & Barbara Sadick <barbken@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 3, 2022 12:59 PM
To: Planning Info
Cc: Sadick/Goldman Barbara/Ken
Subject: 361 Islington Street

After receiving an Abutter Notice about the proposed work for 361 Islington Street we examined the materials posted online by the Historic District Commission.

We like the proposed design. The design looks like it will turn the current eyesore that is the former Getty Station into an attractive and pleasant dining spot. We think it will be a great addition to the neighborhood that will not have any adverse impact. Therefore, we urge the Historic District Commission to grant approval so that the work can move forward.

Thank you,

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From: Dan Hale <classicone@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Planning Info
Subject: Wed Sept 7th- Work Session A (Lucky Thirteen Properties, LLC)

Dear Planning Dept and/or HDC,

RE: 361 Islington St- Additions

I own the property directly across the street from 361 Islington (subject). My building is a residential 4 unit in which I also use one unit as my office. The old Getty Gas Station (across the street) is surrounded by ALL residential units, some rentals and some converted into Condo units. All the surrounding units are occupied by families and/or people who live here and enjoy the quality of life one would expect and deserve for intown living. Now, having said that, I would love to see this building improved! It has been an eye sore for too long. Fixing it up to look good and having the right "use" are two very different goals.

I have reviewed the new addition plans in the planning dept and it is apparent the use will be a restaurant. I guess that is fine, although the last restaurant application requested over 50 seat capacity (I think) and in an area of little to no parking. The subject lot itself has only 9 spaces. How many employees alone does it take to run a small restaurant? 5-6 maybe....so a lot of parking is going to fill up the surrounding streets. You might want to drive around these streets at night, when owners/renters are home and see what's left for parking...not much.

Please consider these concerns:

- 1) Noise.....outside seating needs to be accompanied by good landscaped/buffer to help reduce noise. Trees, bushes, fencing. Does not seem the plans have enough.
- 2) The doors labeled 100.1 and 100.2 (Plan A2.0). Do they open? I would hope not. Inside music and additional noise.
- 3) Hours of operation. Should not be as late as the downtown area, due to surrounding residential units.
- 4) Lighting. No bright lights should be pointing into any surrounding units/buildings.
- 5) Parking. A real issue... since we are not talking about an office use where parking is only needed during the day. This is a use where parking will be needed at the peak time of needed parking around this building (AT night).
- 6) Trash. The proposed corner trash compactor. How noisy are these? How smelly are these? That location is only about 25' from 2 brand new condo units.

Would love to see the building improved in some way with careful consideration to those who live next door. Thank you for considering these concerns.

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