

Izak Gilbo

From: Joseph Boghos <jboghos495@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Izak Gilbo; Nicholas J. Cracknell
Subject: Raynes Ave Support!

Members of the Historic District Commission,

My name is Joe Boghos and I live at 373 Broad Street. I have been a Portsmouth resident for 5 years and my wife and I have 3 young children and appreciate the historic charm of Portsmouth but also enjoy seeing the City continue to grow. I'm writing in support of the Raynes Avenue project that has been before you for some time now. This project will bring new life to an underutilized and frankly unsightly area of the City and provide public access to the waterfront. I followed this project through the Planning Board Approval process and was excited to see it approved and am looking forward to the HDC approving this project as well. The design has certainly evolved through the HDC work session process and like many of the HDC members I think the development team and their architects have arrived at a design that will compliment our historic City and the newer buildings nearby like the condos at 233 Vaughan Street, the AC Hotel and the new office building at 145 Maplewood.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this!

Best,

Joe Boghos
373 Broad Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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Joseph Boghos
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Izak Gilbo

From: Laura Stoll <lauralstoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Izak Gilbo; Nicholas J. Cracknell
Subject: Raynes Ave project support

Members of the Historic District Commission,

My name is Laura Stoll and I live at 55 Lovell St. I have been a Portsmouth resident for almost 10 years and my husband and I have 3 young children. As a resident and also a local commercial Realtor, I am writing in support of the Raynes Avenue project. My family and I love the historic charm of Portsmouth but also enjoy seeing the City continue to grow. This project will bring new life to an underutilized and frankly unsightly area of the City and provide public access to the waterfront. I followed this project through the Planning Board Approval process and was excited to see it approved and am looking forward to the HDC approving this project as well. The design has certainly evolved through the HDC work session process and like many of the HDC members I think the development team and their architects have arrived at a design that will compliment our historic City and the newer buildings nearby like the condos at 233 Vaughan Street, the AC Hotel and the new office building at 145 Maplewood. I fully support this project and hope that you vote to pass it.

Thank you,

Laura Stoll
55 Lovell St.

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From: Nicholas J. Cracknell
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:34 PM
To: Dave Adams; djjbrown (djjbrown@aol.com); Heinz Sauk-Shubert; Izak Gilbo; jon9wyckoff@gmail.com; Karen Bouffard; Margot Deoring (doering03801@gmail.com); Martin Ryan (mlr10000@yahoo.com); Reagan B. Ruedig; Richard Blalock
Subject: FW: Raynes Avenue Project

From: Thomas Vickery [mailto:tom.vickery88@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Izak Gilbo <igilbo@cityofportsmouth.com>
Cc: Nicholas J. Cracknell <njcracknell@cityofportsmouth.com>
Subject: Raynes Avenue Project

Members of the Historic District Commission,

My name is Tom Vickery and I live at 37 Orchard Street. I have been a Portsmouth resident for 7 years and my wife and I have 2 young children with another on the way, and appreciate the historic charm of Portsmouth but also enjoy seeing the City continue to grow. I'm writing in support of the Raynes Avenue project that has been before you for some time now. This project will bring new life to an underutilized and frankly unsightly area of the City and provide public access to the waterfront. I followed this project through the Planning Board Approval process and was excited to see it approved and am looking forward to the HDC approving this project as well. The design has certainly evolved through the HDC work session process and like many of the HDC members I think the development team and their architects have arrived at a design that will compliment our historic City and the newer buildings nearby like the condos at 233 Vaughan Street, the AC Hotel and the new office building at 145 Maplewood.

Thank you.

Tom Vickery
37 Orchard Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:33 PM
To: Dave Adams; djjbrown (djjbrown@aol.com); Heinz Sauk-Shubert; Izak Gilbo; jon9wyckoff@gmail.com; Karen Bouffard; Margot Deoring (doering03801@gmail.com); Martin Ryan (mlr10000@yahoo.com); Reagan B. Ruedig; Richard Blalock
Subject: FW: Raynes Ave

Note, Izak is out sick today so I am just forwarding these emails to you all as they arrive. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Nick

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Creeley [mailto:sean.creeley@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Izak Gilbo <igilbo@cityofportsmouth.com>
Cc: Nicholas J. Cracknell <njcracknell@cityofportsmouth.com>
Subject: Raynes Ave

Members of the Historic District Commission,

My name is Sean Creeley and I live at 337 Richards Ave. I have been a Portsmouth resident for 5 years and my wife, and I have 2 young children and appreciate the historic charm of Portsmouth but also enjoy seeing the City continue to grow. I'm writing you in support of the Raynes Avenue project that has been before you for some time now. This project will bring new life to an underutilized and frankly unsightly area of the City and provide public access to the waterfront. I followed this project through the Planning Board Approval process and was excited to see it approved and am looking forward to the HDC approving this project as well. The design has certainly evolved through the HDC work session process, and like many of the HDC members, I think the development team and their architects have arrived at a design that will complement our historic City and the newer buildings nearby, like the condos at 233 Vaughan Street, the AC Hotel and the new office building at 145 Maplewood.

Thank you.

Sean Creeley
337 Richards Ave
Portsmouth, NH

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From: Trevor Burke <trevorm.burke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:36 AM
To: Izak Gilbo
Cc: Nicholas J. Cracknell; Caitlin McGuinness
Subject: Support of Raynes Ave Project

Members of the Historic District Commission,

My name is Trevor Burke and I live at 35 Ruby Road. I have been a Portsmouth resident for 6 years and my wife and I have 2 young children and appreciate the historic charm of Portsmouth but also enjoy seeing the City continue to grow. I'm writing to you in support of the Raynes Avenue project that has been before you for some time now. This project will bring new life to an underutilized and frankly unsightly area of the City and provide public access to the waterfront. I followed this project through the Planning Board Approval process and was excited to see it approved and am looking forward to the HDC approving this project as well. The design has certainly evolved through the HDC work session process and like many of the HDC members I think the development team and their architects have arrived at a design that will compliment our historic City and the newer buildings nearby like the condos at 233 Vaughan Street, the AC Hotel and the new office building at 145 Maplewood.

Thank you,

Trevor and Caitlin Burke
35 Ruby Road, Portsmouth

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Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Dave Adams; djjbrown (djjbrown@aol.com); Heinz Sauk-Shubert; Izak Gilbo; jon9wyckoff@gmail.com; Karen Bouffard; Margot Deoring (doering03801@gmail.com); Martin Ryan (mlr10000@yahoo.com); Reagan B. Ruedig; Richard Blalock
Subject: FW: Michael McGovern's Support of Raynes Avenue Project

From: Michael McGovern [mailto:mcgovern926@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Izak Gilbo <igilbo@cityofportsmouth.com>
Cc: Nicholas J. Cracknell <njcracknell@cityofportsmouth.com>
Subject: Michael McGovern's Support of Raynes Avenue Project

Dear Members of the Historic District Commission,

I'm writing you in support of the Raynes Avenue project that will replace vacant buildings and parking lots with two new buildings that will continue to revitalize the North End and provide public access to the North Mill Pond. I've been following the project in the Portsmouth Herald and have seen significant changes to the design and what I see in the submission for tonight's meeting is a design I can fully support. The developer and design team have obviously listened to your comments and arrived at a design that provides a nod to the history of the City but also compliments the other new buildings in the neighborhood. I particularly like the design for the portion of the building along Maplewood Avenue that will replace the vacant dry cleaners and activate this corner with what appears to be a restaurant.

I look forward to seeing the HDC approve this project and for construction to move forward.

Thank you,
Michael McGovern
56 Lois Street Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: 93 Pleasant St, Wall
Meeting: HDC Jan 04, 2023

Dear Members of the Historic District Commission,

Before you is what to do with the wall at 93 Pleasant St. It seems to have been established that it is of historic significance. The historic wall seems to be in the way of the decision to remove the existing parking lot and adding a good size addition to the existing building with underground parking.

When one looks at the various space constraints throughout Portsmouth it is always amazing how engineers and architects are able to fit massive amounts of building on postage stamp size lots and build them in spite of huge obstacles. Many historic buildings have been moved to preserve them but **no matter what takes place in the Historic Districts of Portsmouth one word always seems to come up, authenticity.** To aid in this decision sometimes it is best to go back to the basics.

This is an excerpt from an article in:

[Advances in Anthropology](#) > Vol.10 No.2, May 2020
[The Concept of Authenticity in Restoration Analysis of Monitoring and Restoration in the Authenticity Preservation of Cultural Heritage \(scirp.org\)](#)

2.1.4. Definition and Terminology of Authenticity

In English, authenticity is used in conservation and restoration, as Oxford dictionary has derived it from the Latin word authentic, ancient French word authentique, and Greek eotikos ([McIntosh, 1976](#)). This is a term that means "perfect match", "unimpeachable status", "reliable", "real", "unique" and "original and pure creative example". Hence, this term means the quality of an object in accordance with its claimed quality. It is also used to describe the creative work against duplication.

"Asl" [original], in Persian language means root and origin, and idiomatically, it means a person's ethnic and family origin that has root of individual major features and behavioral factors. Authenticity means having a root or decency basis; however, in the field protection and restoration, authenticity is considered as the truth of any object in connection with cultural, historical and natural context.

After watching local churches go to great lengths to restore slate roofs, copper gutters and steeples it is difficult to justify replacing a wall that seems like it could use a good french drain and mortar repairs. Were this a foundation to a historic home how would it be addressed?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bratter

159 McDonough St, Portsmouth property owner

Dear Members of the Historic District Commission,

My name is Tyler Welch and I live on North Mill Pond. I have been a Portsmouth resident for seven years and my wife and I have a young child. We moved to Portsmouth because we appreciate the historic charm of Portsmouth and enjoy seeing the city continue to grow. We appreciate that the Historic Commission strives to protect the charm and allure of historic Portsmouth.

I am writing to the Commission in support of the Raynes Avenue project. My wife and I have several views of the east end of North Mill Pond. Unfortunately, there are abandoned buildings and several waste areas. Further, the pond shoreline appears neglected. This area of Portsmouth clearly needs revival.

My wife and I have been paying close attention the North Mill Pond Greenway project. We were truly excited to move to North Mill Pond because we anticipated that the Greenway would be complete by now. Unfortunately, it appears that the project has been stalled for years. We also had hoped that the run-down area of the north side of Portsmouth would be fully redeveloped by now.

I have followed the Raynes Avenue project through the approval process. It appears that the development team has created a design that would further complement the north end of Portsmouth, including the newer AC Hotel and office building at 145 Maplewood. Furthermore, the Raynes project would revitalize the Greenway project and would also bring new life (and pedestrian access) to this frankly run-down area of the City.

In summary, the Raynes Avenue development team has a design that would further revitalize the North End and catalyze the Greenway project. I strongly support this plan.

Thank you very much for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Tyler Welch
142 Mill Pond Way, Unit 3
Portsmouth