

## Jane Rasely

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**From:** Charlene Moy <[charmoy@aol.com](mailto:charmoy@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** PCD  
**Subject:** For the June 20 meeting this evening

Please read this message sent earlier this week to Olivia Sontag. I would like to be at the meeting this evening to share this but have become ill today and will not be there.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Charlene Moy

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Charlene Moy <[charmoy@aol.com](mailto:charmoy@aol.com)>  
**Date:** June 18, 2019 at 10:08:22 AM PDT  
**To:** [osontag@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:osontag@bainbridgewa.gov)  
**Subject:** June 13 meeting

I attended the community meeting and understand that another meeting is scheduled for this Thursday June 20 at 7 PM. I think a sign-in sheet would be useful just to show that the community has turned out regardless of whether a person speaks publicly. The majority of neighbors feel strongly about this hotel and without public records showing attendance it is hard for the city to gauge the vast concern.

The following concerns are still at issue from my perspective:

1. The developer/architect has a dream for a project that harkens back to childhood and a sense of community for all the city to access a place for memorable events. However, putting a hotel in the middle of a residential/mixed use area impacts the dreams of those people already residing here. We didn't choose to live in a commercial hub of such large proportions. We have lived through a bar/restaurant that violated the good neighbor values of those around them. Noise, drunkenness, public urination on adjacent property and foul language at 1 & 2 AM were all problems that went unaddressed even after calls and letters to the owners.
2. The hotel will be managed by an outside hotel management vendor. We have no guarantee that these people outside the community will have any care or concern for neighbors. How could they? Their job is to manage a hotel not be concerned about those dwelling around them.
3. 17 employee parking spaces hardly seems close to the needed amount of spaces regardless who the "expert" transportation company was that assessed that amount. With a bar, 87 hotel rooms, restaurant, spa, meeting rooms, cleaning services etc there will be many more than 17 staff on site at any time. Due to work schedules most will arrive individually and often via car.
4. Traffic is still a major concern. Our version of "Easter Sunday" is the 4th of July parade. When the parade is over, local residents cannot leave or return to their homes for the better part of an hour while traffic dissipates. So given a major event plus room occupation, staff and other services brought in like a band, performers etc. traffic is still a concern. There is very little space for this level of ingress and egress. The idea that with increased self driving cars there will be a reduction in vehicles is hard to fathom. Self driving cars don't disappear when they drop off their owners at a destination. They are

parked and wait for the owner to return to head to the next destination.

5. Noise is also a concern. Currently we are quiet here from 6 pm to 7 am Monday through Saturday with nothing occurring on Sunday. There are no gardening services, deliveries, clients coming and going, or construction/repairs during these quiet hours. Unless the hotel closes in these off hours the noise, light and traffic will continue where the residents formerly had peace.

6. WRONG LOCATION - I imagine if the community was polled many might support a hotel of some sort. However, most would say this spot is entirely the wrong place given the current nature of the neighborhood. This hotel is not designed as a boutique, quiet, small structure. It is large and offers a variety of services. I suggest that the developer/architect note the evening and weekend quiet and address if the hotel can meet this type of demand for quiet. I would guess not.

7. Assessed need - I have not heard any studies conducted that show the need for 87 additional hotel rooms on Bainbridge. We currently have several hotel/motel rooms and a large amount of Air B&Bs. Has the city determined that this need is so great that a project of this magnitude is necessary?

8. Us vs them - how does the city incorporate the voice of the many with the voice of the one. It seems that in this case the voice of the one (hotel development) has a greater value and voice over the numerous residents who don't want this next door to us. We are tax paying citizens who would like a say in what we live around and with. I hope COBI can engage in this and not prioritize money over choices of the residents in this area.

Thank you,  
Charlene