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Subject: FW: Proposed Winslow Hotel

Below, eight reasons why we strongly oppose the proposed Winslow Hotel:

1. My husband and I live on Wood Avenue within 150 yards of the proposed building site. We do not believe the proposed structure is in keeping with our neighborhood. The size of the project is out of proportion to any other structure in the vicinity and will bring with it noise, traffic and general change to our peaceful neighborhood, and for that matter, to Winslow.
2. We are concerned about the environmental impact of the project. Not long ago, COBI declared a building hiatus which was designed, in part, to protect the environment. Today, we see construction on the Island in all directions and yet our population growth isn't commensurate with the number of new projects underway. What are the environmental impacts of this project?
3. There will be a significant, unfavorable impact on traffic in the vicinity. The intersection of Winslow Way and Madison Avenue already is problematic. Additional traffic will increase on residential streets such as Wood Avenue and Grow Avenue.
4. Maximum use hotel parking would spill out onto our neighborhood streets. In the case of Wood Avenue, parking already is a significant issue.
5. An amphitheater is planned as an outside venue. The result will be noise that invades heretofore quiet residential streets.
6. We question whether COBI has the resources (water, effluent management, project management, etc.) to adequately manage and/or provide oversight to this project. This question must be considered in light of all of the other building underway and planned for BI.
7. Does such a hotel fit with our concepts of the village/island/semi-rural community that most Island residents want?
8. We question the viability of this hotel when one considers the use, vacancy rates, and financial history of hotels, motels, and other hospitality venues on the Island. As records will show, they have not been highly profitable. What would the result of a business failure for such a hotel on COBI and the neighborhood. Not a pretty sight!

In conclusion, the proposed hotel is not suitable for Winslow – perhaps not for Bainbridge Island.

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