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Greetings.

As an employee of Seattle Children's Hospital, I must clearly state that the hospital has no opinion on the proposed hotel.

As a longtime island resident and store manager here in Winslow speaking personally, and having listened to my almost 70 volunteers and many customers, I must applaud the planning commission for putting a halt to the proposed hotel, after due thought, process, and discussion.

A 15 room inn sounds consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and Winslow Master Plan (that we taxpayers spent years funding, so we should be actually abiding by them), but an 87 room hotel/convention center is grossly out of place with trying to maintain the 'small town' look and feel that these plans advocate. The inner hotel courtyard is not open to the public unless they purchase something, and our plans say public spaces must be provided – it is a cheap shot to say this is a public space, but it can only be used when events are not happening, and then only if purchases are made.

The impact on surrounding properties has not been adequately addressed, despite all the publicity the architects have been given by the Review and BIDA. The architects have the funds to ensure their opinion gets out, but neighborhood groups do not – and both the Review and BIDA have not given adequate coverage to the concerns of island residents, both those who will be directly impacted, and those who simply care for the small town look and feel of Winslow, and want our CP and WMP followed.

If guests are coming to the event center for an event, they will be attending the event and doing what is easiest for those attending. This will surely result in additional sales for Winslow Way stores, but should not be a substantial reason for giving a thumbs up to this outsized proposal.

There is enough justification to be very concerned about the amount of parking spaces, and also of traffic backups due to left turns into the hotel from Winslow Way. The primary focus of this place is events/conventions, and therefore many people will be arriving by car at the same time, wishing to turn left, and possibly backing traffic up into the Madison/Winslow intersection. A middle turning lane should be added to ensure this doesn't happen, especially with the increase in traffic of over 700 visits a day. If this development goes through, the developers should be ceding the land and contributing dollars to pay for this.

I am concerned about the island aquifer, and think this should be seriously looked into. Collecting rainwater, when we have been having less and less rain, is one thing, to water their grass.. Providing clean water for bathing, cooking, cleaning, and laundry for an 87 room hotel and restaurant, is a very serious matter. And then there is the sewage.

No amount of 'conditions' can be applied to make this proposed hotel meet approval, meet the Winslow Master Plan, or meet our Comprehensive Plan, which should be our guiding principles, and have been, during this approval process. I urge you to do the right thing for our lovely Winslow downtown, and to follow our Winslow Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan, and not to let developers power ahead of public interest.

Regards,

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