

Dear Planning Commissioners,

After presentations given by the Planning Department, the Architect and the Property Owner last Thursday, I am writing to express my support of the Winslow Hotel with conditions. With more information and a more complete understanding of the project, I have changed my mind.

I did not fully comprehend the building concept before it was presented by Jim Cutler and Bruce Anderson. I also did not understand the history of the Comprehensive Plan and its significance with development on the island. After the meeting last week, I walked home passing the proposed hotel building site in order to figure out (based on the plans we saw) how the hotel will be positioned on the property. The property is very large and in my opinion, the design is proportionate to the land size.

I believe the real issues are issues of noise and traffic. These issues will surely impose conditions for the Conditional Use Permit and must be resolved so that the Winslow Hotel can be integrated on Winslow Way. A traffic study performed in summer on the weekend would provide more information to determine the best course of action. Noise can be mitigated through tree planting and acoustical shields integrated in the building design. Cutler's design may already offer noise mitigation, a subject which can be addressed by the Planning Commissioners.

In the best case scenario, I believe the Winslow Hotel would support the special quality of life we all appreciate on Bainbridge. At the same time, the proposed Winslow Hotel could encourage economic growth here.

Sincerely,

Marie-Louise Pauson

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