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**To:** PCD  
**Subject:** Winslow Hotel June 13 Meeting Comments

At the June 13 Planning Commission Meeting the developers again talked about the issue of parking, a concern I've had since the announcement of plans for a 60-room hotel in late June 2017. At some of the early meetings the developers mentioned having staff park off-site at a church location (they mentioned St. Barnabas) and running an employee shuttle.

Last night they commented that they had done a parking study and projected what would be needed on a heavy day -- mentioning Easter Sunday as a worst case and admitted that off-site staff parking would be needed. It was instructive that they finally admitted that plans for off-site parking were necessary, and suggested that they would have to use a location such a Church parking lot --- **A Church Parking Lot on Easter Sunday!!!** Obviously, they only gave this a very cursory analysis!

At least, the issue of parking is finally a recognized issue. There are currently only about 16 public parking spaces on Winslow Way west of Madison, all have time limits and cannot be considered usable by the hotel.

The Stephens House on Winslow Way is about 190 feet east of the hotel's proposed porte-cochere. Several times daily the "Access Bus" stops at Stephens House for 5 or 10 minutes creating a minor traffic obstruction. Most of the drivers that use this part of Winslow Way are used to this and carefully move around the bus, but will hotel guests be aware of this obstruction and react carefully?

As opposed to "normal" hotels, this project is designed around having most guests arrive via ferry so arrivals are not spaced out evenly over normal check-in times, but come in hourly waves along with pedestrians, cyclists and non-hotel traffic. I can envision a line of cars waiting to turn into the three or four car hotel check-in area, totally blocking Winslow Way in the process.

There are many other issues that have been discussed so I don't want to waste your time re-iterating them and feel that the issues I've raised are more than sufficient to realize that this is a project that's better suited to be constructed outside of the urban core and where existing zoning regulations permit.

Since plans include running a "shuttle" between the hotel and the ferry terminal I wonder if the shuttle will wait at the terminal for their guests or are their plans to require arriving guests call the hotel and wait for a shuttle pickup? If their plans are to have the shuttle waiting at the terminal, have any arrangements been made with other parties to provide a reserved space for the shuttle?

I did outline many of my other concerns in my June 6 email to [pcd@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:pcd@bainbridgewa.gov).

Sincerely,

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