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Hello Garrick and Jennifer,

This is regarding the proposed new home proposed for the lot immediately north of my home on Iroquois.

I reserve comment on the style or appropriateness of the proposed structure, as you are more qualified in this area. I also support the addition of a new home.

However several items seem to be inappropriate for our historic district:

1. The proposal calls for removing a substantial elm tree almost three feet in diameter. How is this appropriate? Also no replacement shade trees are called for. Only one tree will remain on the lot, a Norway Maple which is an invasive species (weed) in Michigan.
2. The proposal includes a three car attached garage on the south side of the home. Such a large attached garage is not found anywhere else in the Village. It is prominent and it is very visible from the street - I will be staring at this from my kitchen windows. Also, from the homeowners perspective attached garages are an extreme security risk in our neighborhood.
3. Almost every other home with a driveway in the Village is separated by the home lot from its neighbor driveways. In this proposal my driveway and the new one are separated by only five feet approximately; it is a lot of pavement in a concentrated area. The separation is the case for all driveways on this block of Iroquois.

If the home design were reversed so the garage doors were on the north instead of the south, the elm tree could be saved and the normal pattern of driveways maintained.

Are you now having in person hearings, the notification is not clear.

Thank you for listening.

Mark

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