

From: [A.C](#)
To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Letter Opposing the Coe Expansion from West Village townhome owner at Parker/St. Paul Streets
Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:55:23 AM

Dear Board Members of the Historic District Commission,

I'm forwarding these comments per the request of my neighbor Ms. Rita Morris-Hayden.

Ms. Morris-Hayden is a West Village townhome owner of 20+ years who has strong concerns about the proposed Woodborn Partners' development on Van Dyke between Coe and St. Paul Streets.

Thank you for considering her words below.

Sincerely,
Amber Cecil, West Village homeowner on Parker, between Coe and St. Paul

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From: Rita Hayden <hayrita2000@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM
Subject: Letter for meeting
To: Amber Cecil <aececil@gmail.com>

Amber,

These are my reasons for objecting to the new Coe development:

My name is Rita Morris and I have been a resident homeowner in West Village for over 19 years. During that time, I've witnessed businesses come and go. However, each business took into account the surrounding area, community, and historical architecture. The project you are proposing appears to do none of these. The apartment building architecture and design do not fit our historical neighborhoods. They are large, boxy and obtrusive. Our homes and apartment buildings in the surrounding areas are brick, not blocks. The proposed complex fits in a more modern community, such as those I've seen and visited in Seattle, Washington.

I understand you are trying to appeal to new residents to Michigan and this area, but the people who want to live here, chose this area for it's historical character, history, and design. The materials for some new projects have not been comparable to materials used in the housing in West Village because they are rare and expensive. We wish to keep our community as close to the original building designs as possible. If you can do that, I will agree. Otherwise no.

Sincerely,

Rita Morris

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