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revised submittals for 30 Merrill Street

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Hi Nell,

Thank you for sending these renderings to me. From my perusal it appears the siding has changed from 12" coursing to 8" coursing, a slight improvement. Not clear whether the material is still standing seam metal or a more common residential siding material. Also good that the center section is similar coursed material.

The 'nod' to bay windows is awkward and they simply do not read as bays in any way to me. I have avoided suggesting specific alternatives so far, but actual bays would make a huge difference. While I understand the developer wants to contain costs, some additional expense may need to be allocated to become a contributing element in this neighborhood. Additionally, there is no fenestration on the street that relates to this project, thus neighbors' concerns that it seems alien to the streetscape.

I do not think this is nearly enough progress, and it does not yet feel like a good-faith effort on the developer's part at this point.

Further, based on Mr Carroll's comments at the neighborhood meeting, I am not convinced that style isn't driving the proposed project's aesthetic more than financial considerations of providing some architectural detail.

Please keep me apprised of any updates, and I look forward to attending the upcoming Planning Board meeting(s).

Thank you, Bruce Davis




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