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One Joy Place

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Hello. I'm a resident (and property owner) at 119 Brackett St., Apt. 1F, and I would like my comments considered at tonight's Planning Board hearing regarding One Joy.

I welcome the idea that the dangerous, ugly building currently on the site will be removed. And in theory the idea of 12 condo units for single people is a great concept. I also appreciate the developers' attempts to keep the units relatively affordable -- emphasis on "relatively."

My big concern, however, is parking. The project only offers 3 parking spaces for residents (though only 2 leases - one of which is for two spaces)--meaning the other ten units must rely on street parking. As I hope you already know, street parking is at a premium on Brackett Street and in the heart of the West End in general. I work at home, and rarely have trouble finding a space for my car during the day. But overnight parking is challenging if you get back to the neighborhood after 6 or 7 pm.

On their promotional website, the developers mention the lot next door, by Fresh Approach, as an option for residents of One Joy. "Most nights," they say, "you'll find a number of open parking spots." I walk my dogs down Brackett Street most nights, and I definitely don't see open parking spots in that lot.

Parking in the West End is going to continue to be a critical issue as more lots are condo-ized. Please require the developers of One Joy to offer more parking in order to minimize their contribution to this problem.

Respectfully,
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