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Hello

I am commenting on Agenda items 16, which is the proposed construction of a 50-unit apartment building at 1233 Regent, the site formerly occupied by an auto service center.

I am in favor of the proposal, with one reservation. My concern is about the rutted, gravel-and-sand alley behind my business and the new apartments. Years ago, according to Harvey Storm, a long-time property owner of a house on Bowen that backs up to the alley, there used to be a drainage system that kept water from pooling in the alley that was capped because the gravel kept clogging the drain. Since then, including the 19 years we have run Indie Coffee, melting snow and rain cause major problems with standing water in the alley, which then runs off onto our parking area and patio, making them unusable. The new building will make rain runoff much worse, and I would like the situation addressed.

In addition, since the alley is just gravel, cars are constantly parking in the way of delivery trucks, city vehicles, and even ordinary cars. This is caused by the lack of any definition between the alley and the adjacent properties.

I would like flood mitigation and proper paving of the alley to be conditions of approval of this project. Other stakeholders should not be required to contribute to the cost. Harvey Storm agrees with me and I think the city's garbage and recycling drivers would, too.

Thank you,

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