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To the Urban Design Commission:

On October 18, the steering committee of the Mansion Hill Neighborhood Association submitted to the Urban Design Commission five comments about the proposal to redevelop 33 W Johnson St, the former Madison College site.

After that UDC meeting, the steering committee met with representatives from NCG Hospitality to receive a presentation of their updated plans for the project. Overall, the neighborhood is happy that NCG Hospitality responded to our most important concerns. The committee has agreed to forward the following comments for UDC consideration.

- 1. We appreciate NCG's willingness to engage with the neighborhood and make significant changes to meet neighbors' concerns.
- 2. We appreciate NCG's responsiveness to satisfy our concerns about the previous design, which would have reduced the size of the public terrace on Wisconsin Ave.
- 3. We support NCG's plan to add trees to W. Johnson St
- 4. We encourage NCG to continue working with City Forestry to preserve the healthy trees on Wisconsin Avenue, to preserve its historical charm and appeal.
- 5. NCG Hospitality has shown sensitivity and respect to the Mansion Hill Neighborhood.
- 6. We are concerned about the plan for the leasing of public parking stalls to the hotels.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments to the UDC and the opportunity to continue working with NCG Hospitality. We will issue a final steering committee report to the Plan Commission and interested parties at the appropriate time.

Best wishes,

Mansion Hill Steering Committee