I have just now reviewed staff comments on 5225 University Ave and noted the requirements on page 4. Traffic flow into and out of the proposed drive-through coffee restaurant continues to be a primary concern of the Spring Harbor/Indian Hills neighborhood.

The University Ave/Flambeau intersection is extremely complex (4 photos attached). Adding a drive-through restaurant to the mix will create the need for more specific signage and markings to reduce traffic and pedestrian conflict. We would like to see that included in the final plan.

- 1) Traffic into and out of the proposed coffee service should be clearly marked "right-turn in" and "right-turn out" only.
- 2) SHNA feels strongly about preserving the west pedestrian crosswalk as constructed. (SHNA campaigned for this crossing). The developer's drawings show the south landing being compromised by the exit driveway. See photo #2. The distance between the south property line and the current driveway is about 12'. That separation should be preserved, however, it may require a jog in the exit driveway. We would like to see that adjustment incorporated into the current proposal.
- 3) Traffic coordination with City is not shown in the developer's plan. The commercial development creates additional complexity that should be given consideration. For example, vehicles currently exiting the property wishing to travel west, first drive 15-20 feet to the east, then make a U-turn (apparently legal). However, when a vehicle then suddenly appears on Flambeau wishing to turn left and taking advantage of the same break in traffic, it creates an immediate deadlock. (Perhaps a "No U-turn at Flambeau" sign should be added at the coffee exit).
- 4) It is not part of this application, but further improvements in traffic flow through the intersection are needed. Two recommendations are suggested in photos #3 and #4. The yellow nose on the median in the west pedestrian crosswalk (photo #3) is too small to be immediately detected by drivers. When making U-turns, many drivers run over the nose-perhaps a larger area of yellow paint. Photo #4 shows "no parking" on the west side of Flambeau. Excellent. That keeps the roadway clear for right-turning vehicles. Recommend a permanent "no-parking at any time" sign at this location.

In summary, SHNA supports the general Krupp/5225 University Ave development with the provision that the exit driveway be adjusted so as not to compromise the pedestrian crosswalk or reduce the safety of bikes and pedestrians moving through the intersection.

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