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Old Town Parking Structure Traverse City, Michigan

Meeting Minutes Joint Neighborhood Meeting Wednesday April 15, 2009

7:00pm-8:30pm (City Hall Cafeteria)

Those in attendance:

(See attached sign in sheet)

Rob Bacigalupi..... Traverse City DDA
Gill Rupp.....Traverse City DDA
Ben Bifoss.....City of Traverse City
Bill SerrineCWS Architects
Ray KendraCWS Architects
Rick KinnellRich and Associates
Matt Jobin.....Rich and Associates

Presentation of overall site conditions, project description and overall massing of site was presented by Ray Kendra and Matt Jobin. The following comments were identified by those present at the meeting:

1. Comment on wanting the garage to have at least some brick on the structure.
2. Comment on wanting the City to do more parking enforcement (parking on the streets).
3. Comment about the employees of Haggerty Insurance at shift changes traveling through the neighborhoods. (traffic study is going to be completed by the design team) A traffic light at Union and 7th would be a disaster. There is too much traffic congestion during certain times by Central Elementary School.
4. Question asked as to whether there would be future vertical expansion of the garage (Design is in early stage to answer this question at this time).
5. Comment asking the City to make the structure as large as feasible. Concern about wanting to make the parking deck big enough to reduce/eliminate on street parking in residential neighborhoods.



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6. Comment about wanting Haggerty Insurance to pay for parking (no free spaces).
7. Comment suggesting a possible need for electric car charging stations.
8. Comment that 8th Street entry/exit into main part of structure is preferred over Lake Street.
9. Comment that traffic concerns around the site and the neighborhoods needs to be addressed *before* construction starts.
10. Comment to break up the façade of the structure possibly with vertical elements.
11. Comment as to how the garage was going to be controlled, permit/after hours/etc. (Gil Rupp responded that at this time it is anticipated that it will be hourly and permit operation).
12. Question asked concerning the amount of spaces that Haggerty Insurance will need. Comment that the neighborhood was led to believe that this structure would relieve the amount of non residential on street parking in the neighborhoods.
13. Comment to provide less architecture if we can add more capacity.
14. Ray Kendra asked the question about the neighborhoods opinion if the garage were to exceed the 45' height restriction (current zoning). Generally the height was not an issue if they can get more capacity.

Please notify the writer of any irregularities or corrections to the above Meeting Minutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew J. Jobin".

Matthew J. Jobin AIA
Associate/Project Manager

