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Matt, Brie and Cathy,

I'm writing because I was encouraged by Garden City officials to do so. I am writing in the hope that Brie's comment of wanting to come to a solution that works for everyone, was sincere.

Although I am the one sending this correspondence, please know that neighbors on each and every side of your project have weighed in. These people are the 'everyone' most affected by this project.

Throughout this process – from the initial City report, to the final City Council meeting, two things have consistently been discussed and caused duress. Size/Scale/Height and Parking.

The following is what would work for us, and assure us you are sensitive to the neighbors that you will/may be living among; and the City you will/may call home:

-We ask that you be congruent with the neighborhood. 45' or no taller than any other building already approved, and/or built within a three-block radius.

-It seems reasonable, and common sense, that you use the residential parking code to assure each and every residence is properly parked, as well as their guests, as per that code.

-Assurance that each business/studio unit can only be rented to a resident of the building; OR configure the studio spaces so they are physically attached to residences. Either option helps assure no additional parking would come in to play for outside rental of said business/studio unit(s). If that's not an option, then provide parking for those 'free-standing' business/studio units.

Re-development of the lot is something we are thrilled to have. We applaud your concept, and design elements. However, compared to the height of other projects in the area -- yours literally sticks out. It seems you are, as one Council member said, trying to fit a too big foot in a too small shoe.

I know you have the creative ability to make changes that will work for everyone. I'm writing this sincerely and in good faith; and hope you will join the conversation.

Belinda Isley