

Tefertiller, Ryan

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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 9:18 PM
To: Tefertiller, Ryan
Subject: Comment on Hilton Garden Inn Amendment

Ryan,

After reviewing the documentation for the amended plan for the Hilton Garden Inn at Cascade and Bijou, I would like to submit a comment for the record.

I was a supporter of this hotel from the start and remain one now. I not only live in the Boulder Crescent area across from this property but am also the President of the Near North End Neighborhood Association. Being familiar with the area, I believe this property will be a dramatic improvement over the former bank building that previously occupied the site. It had become a dangerous element in our neighborhood for a variety of reasons. The amendment only furthers the building's plans of being multi-use, a feature that the neighborhood supports for new development. A lot of neighbors I had talked with were thrilled that the hotel was including retail space and more still are excited at the thought of adding a restaurant to the plans.

I have no concerns with adding an additional floor and restaurant space to the Hilton Garden Inn and support the change in plans.

However, I would like to pass along one suggestion to the owners and builders of this new Hilton Garden Inn. I see the plans include space for flags and flagpoles on the front (West) side of the building. I have been one of many Citizens trying to help foster pride in our City by encouraging a revival of the use of the City Flag of Colorado Springs. It is a beautiful flag with a wonderful history. I would respectfully ask the owners of the Hilton Garden Inn fly a City Flag from one of their flagpoles in a showing of pride in our community. I'm happy to discuss this further with they would like more information on the Flag.

Please keep in mind this email represents my own thoughts and isn't an official statement or position for the Near North End Neighborhood Association.

Sincerely,

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