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To: Baxter, Tamara
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Subject: Comments from Open House

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Tamara,

Thank you again for your support for this open house. We feel it was a huge success and are so grateful for supportive neighbors and community leaders.

Here are the comments left by the neighbors.

One recurring theme was that they were hoping to have a sit-down meeting so they could hear everyone's questions and answers.

Our preference is to do it open house style so we can control the atmosphere and go into depth with individuals as needed.

- Design looks good. Please add lots of trees to buffer future Powers Blvd Road.
- Thank you for having this. We are looking forward to having you as good neighbors.
- Wonderful poster and displays that show so much helpful information for those who live close by. Each person was very helpful.
- Disappointed this wasn't a meeting. Light pollution is a concern. Will you repair streets and traffic circle after you damage it? Will you pay into the HOA?
- We need this temple please.
- Beautiful renderings. Welcome to the neighborhood.
- Thanks for hosting!
- Disappointed this was not a sit-down meeting that we could hear everyone's questions and then the answers. Thank you
- Thanks for hosting this event.
- Thank you for hosting this event. Would have preferred a meeting so we could hear everyone's questions and answers.
- So Happy!
- As a member of the church, we appreciate the information and were impressed with the open house and the renderings of the temple and all informative displays.

Thank you again and to all staff members who helped.

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Tamara,

We feel there were 70-80 visitors. Majority were the neighbors and mostly not members of our faith. Very few gave us their names and emails. I attached the sign up sheet. We would like to get the comments/emails that you have received.

Here are some of the questions, comments and how we responded or would respond.

1. Would like for the project to be more 'Tuscan' in order to be more contextual to the neighborhood.
Response: Flying Horse does not have a specific design aesthetic to which projects are required to adhere. However, native grasses and trees within the surrounding proposed landscape design will help blend the site with its context.
Additional context: Temples are the most sacred and important places that members of the church have to worship. They are purposefully different, they are nicer, they are constructed to draw our eyes, minds and hearts toward heaven.
2. Concern about the brightness of exterior lighting on the building and/or the hours that lighting would remain on.
Response: All the lighting will be shielded and no light source will be visible outside of the surfaces of the building.
3. Concern that the bronze/gold elements on the steeple would create glare that would distract drivers on nearby roads.
Response: With the level of sheen planned for this steeple design, we do not anticipate any glare.
4. Concern about traffic in the neighborhood, both at church meeting time and during construction.
Response: We are working closely with CDOT to coordinate a plan following their guidelines for traffic management.
Additional context: The Temple and Meeting house operate at their peak hours at different days and times.
5. Concern about steeple height relative to views / neighborhood scale.
Response: The steeple follows the City of Colorado Springs zoning requirements for height limits. Although the height is taller than other surrounding structures, its slenderness and minimal footprint occupy a very small portion of the skyline.
6. Questions about dark sky, some confusion from residents who seemed to think CS has a dark sky ordinance.
Response: COS does not have an official dark sky ordinance. This project follows all requirements put forth by the city and we have been in constant contact with city officials to ensure this aspect is carefully designed.
7. Questions about FAA marking / lighting.
Response: We are in the process of coordinating with the FAA and have received a Determination of No Hazard following their review along with a requirement that the project follow their lighting/marketing guidelines. As a result, the steeple will have a solid red light attached at its highest point.
8. Concerns about visitors parking on the streets, they seemed to be satisfied that enough parking was being provided on site after talking w/ Tom and seeing the site plan.
Response: On-site parking is provided beyond the minimum required and should account for the expected number of visitors to the temple and the meetinghouse. Parking can also be shared on peak days and hours.
9. How many stories is the Temple?
Response: One-story with a steeple. We began with a 2-story design and changed to a single story.
10. There were several questions regarding the fencing and gate locations.
Response: I explained that the fencing would be the perimeter of the Temple and the gates would be at the two drives as shown on the colored site illustration board.

11. There were questions about the construction route.

Response: I stated that the City would require for us to define that with our Construction Drawings and permits and that it would need to be the most direct route to a nearby highway, so for our site it would be Flying Horse to Hwy 83.

12. Will the Church pay Permit fees? Yes

13. Will the church pay for utility usage: Yes

14. Will there being any street parking: No

15. Are you using evergreen trees in the landscaping: Yes- a lot.

16. Will the Parking lot be shielded: yes with plant materials and some berms.

Thanks

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