

Westly, Austin

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To: PLANNING COMMISSION
Subject: Public Comment: March 7 Planning Commission Meeting

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Craig Nunes. My wife and I are the closest neighbors to the Wharf at 1500 Wharf Rd, Unit #22 (the pink-colored venetian next to the Wharf). I would like to provide public comment since I am unable to attend the March 7th planning commission meeting in which you will discuss the bathroom exterior finish. Let me first say that this is such a desperately needed fixture on our Wharf—thank you for making a permanent bathroom a part of the Wharf restoration plan.

As I mentioned, I am the closet neighbor to the Wharf, and about 30 feet outside my living room window sits the brightest blue bathroom I have ever seen. I had previously misunderstood the bathroom exterior would match the character of the Wharf, and was expecting some kind of wood exterior or wood color. We get lots of hearsay where we live-- after construction of the bathroom, someone actually suggested the bright blue was an attempt to match the bright colors of the Venetians. I hope that was never an intentional design direction—you are probably aware that the historical character of the Venetians is maniacally protected and maintained. Unfortunately the current bathroom color neither matches the rustic charm of the Wharf nor represents the lovely stucco'd character of the Venetians. Sadly it's a real eye sore.

I was relieved to see on page 102 of the planning commission packet an option for vertical wood strips to clad the bathroom. From my perspective, it would be a huge visual improvement to match the rustic look of our Wharf. Even the wearing and fading of a wooden exterior over time, much like the Wharf does, is an ideal design choice. From someone who will see and live with the structure virtually every day, I hope you will move forward with exterior wood cladding of the new bathroom--it would be a real improvement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Craig Nunes

