
4th PUBLIC COMMENT Planning/Historic Commission meeting ITEM #3 FEBRUARY 6, 2025

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Council Members and Commissioners:

IGNORING ANY ORCHARD ISSUES, I object to this library patio project coming to the planning commission for consideration and possible approval.

At the November 28, 2023 council meeting, Council voted 3-2 (Councilmembers Fligor and Lee Eng dissenting) in favor of a library patio going to the planning commission for design approval. The patio proposal was then 5,000 sf.

The current proposal is 8,265 sf. Was it Council's intention to let the library have 5,000 sf of public land? Or did Council authorize the library to take as much land as it wanted for a patio?

Is an additional 3,265 sf OK? What if it was another 5,000 sf? What are the parameters Council is willing to live with in giving final approval to the planning commission? The size and design presented have never been vetted by Council, nor the public.

I'm no lawyer, but I think the patio as now presented violates the spirit and letter of "the law."

This project is an important test case of the design approval process, especially as it relates to public land.

Thanks for listening,

Pat Marriott