

Subject: RE: Letter of Support
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8:04:19 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Rich Emery
To: Tom Shipley
CC: Sydne Siefert, Hart Nelson
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Dear Trustees,

Since I will be in California the night of the Neighborhood meeting, I wanted to give my 'expert' opinion about the design of the entry monument. As the owner of one of the largest architectural firms in St. Louis, I have strong feelings regarding the best solution for the monument. Several points:

1. **The existing tower entry monument on the far North side of the neighborhood is one of the most iconic entry features in all of St. Louis. It is what defines us. Presently, the entry at York Hills does NOT have any character. The original entry signs were uneventful and plain.**
2. **The desire of this new monument is to strengthen the neighborhood as one street system. To establish a cohesive design that connects the two portions of the streets. To make a statement to drivers on McKnight that we are a single neighborhood. To take our iconic tower and repeat it on our far South entry. The idea of a design element that strengthens the iconic nature of the 'old English' history of the neighborhood is a powerful solution.**
3. **The new tower would respect the original, but be reduced in size to not overshadow the history that identifies us. The smaller size/scale of the new element is needed to accomplish this.**
4. **I strongly support the design solution that the Trustees are proposing.**
5. **If there is a vote, I would like to cast my vote in favor of moving forward with the proposed solution.**

Thank you,

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Hi Rich,

Syd forwarded us note about speeding and the new entrance design at York hills drive. While we kick around traffic calming Ideas, I wanted to take you up on your offer to write a letter of support for the entrance monument plans.

No need to make it too formal, just reply to this email with your thoughts on the design and scale. It might come in handy on Wednesday.

Thanks!!

Tom



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