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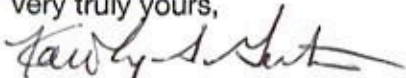
Re: 27 & 29 Fair Street Proposed Renovation

Dear Commissioners:

As seasonal residents of 32 Fair Street, we write to express our concern that the impact of the proposed renovation of 27 & 29 Fair Street on the quiet, historic residential neighborhood of Fair Street is not being fully considered. A hotel and restaurant are completely out of character and don't belong there in the first place. The Woodbox and, subsequently, 29 Fair Street, maintained a small indoor restaurant. No accommodation for outdoor dining or a bar should be tolerated. To the extent that this application is facilitating such a change, we ask that it be tabled until the legal implications are resolved. In 2004, the Nantucket Zoning Board of Appeals denied a special permit to increase the nonconforming commercial use of the property saying that any increase in the commercial use would create a substantial detriment to the neighborhood. The historic residential Fair Street neighborhood, including Darling Street, Hiller's Lane, Charter Street, Plumb Lane, Martin's Lane and more, would be disrupted by increased car and foot traffic and noise. Any renovations that accommodate the nonconforming commercial use of the property should be carefully scrutinized because they too will detract from the neighborhood's peaceful residential character, its historic integrity and the purpose of a Residential Old Historic District. Maintaining a neighborhood's residential integrity is part of historic preservation.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



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