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Subject: 126 Adelaide Comment for 12/8/21
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Hi Alexis,

Please see the comments below for inclusion in the upcoming 126 Adelaide zoning meeting on Wednesday 12/8/21 at 5:30pm: Webinar ID 948 8962 7470 <https://zoom.us/j/94889627470>

I would like to again voice my opposition to the project by Bluedog Capital at 126 Adelaide Ave.

It should be no surprise that we are here again to grant Bluedog not their first, but their second extension for a third period of 6 months to actually start developing this property. Their lack of actions over the last year are surely indicative of the “partner” they will be with the neighborhood in the future. Not once in the last year have they made any good-faith attempts to engage neighbors, even 200ft abutters like myself, in their project despite clear outcry against them in these meetings. Additionally, their most visible action on the property to date has been to remove bushes that were providing some shelter for our homeless neighbors. As multiple news outlets have recently reported, we have a homelessness crisis in Providence, and I believe Bluedog’s response here is indicative of how they view this project: “We don’t care about the people here, we just care about the profit”.

Keeping in mind City Solicitor Lisa Dinerman’s comments at the 9/9/20 meeting, reminding this board that public comment is essentially meaningless, I will keep my next requests brief:

- Please exercise greater scrutiny over the question “Will this project alter the general character of the neighborhood?”. The definition of ‘general character’ applied here does not seem to include the human beings who currently inhabit the greater area around the property. We ought not prioritize historic character of a building over the history of those who have lived in this neighborhood for generations. Do residents not also factor into the ‘general character of the neighborhood’? If not, then a neighborhood seemingly is nothing more than physical buildings. Obviously, that is incorrect. This project, given the dimensionally small nature of its units and exorbitant cost of rents, will without a doubt negatively impact the general character of this neighborhood. I urge you to deny this use variance extension request.

- I would also like to request a proper traffic study be done at the intersection of Adelaide Ave and Hamilton Street, where this building sits. Adelaide Ave is a wide street, which regularly accommodates semi-truck traffic as a pass-through from Broad St. to Elmwood Ave. Further, the intersection at Adelaide and Hamilton has been the site of multiple car accidents that I have personally witnessed in just the past year, including one that occurred during a past zoning meeting. An increase of 16 parking spots for this project would bring further traffic congestion to this intersection, and I would like to see a plan developed for that issue as well.

Thank you,

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