

Email 5.17.2022 from Trudy Richmond

Good morning,

Please add this to the growing list of public comments/submissions to the DRB agenda for tonight's meeting regarding Pod Village.

After reading through the comments section of the agenda for tonight's DRB meeting where the Pod Village project will be discussed, I was struck a statement made by Brian Pine in response to an email sent by Solvieg. In it he clearly stated,

"...the need is so acute that location becomes somewhat less important..."

I really want the Board members to see this statement and not have it get lost in all of the comment submissions.

While the location of Pod Village might not be important to Mr. Pine, it is exceedingly important to this Burlington neighborhood and the majority of its residents as well as the people he is attempting to house there.

To my knowledge, no survey was ever done to determine if the neighborhood residents and/or the potential "guests" of Pod Village thought the Elmwood Ave. location was a suitable option. This decision was basically done in a vacuum driven by a windfall of money and the idea that they needed to do something, anything, and to get this done at break neck speed. This is never the way to have a successful project and as such, is almost surely, doomed to fail from the outset. This is a waste of precious resources.

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