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Hi Karen: Would you please forward my comments to Mr. Taintor and the Planning Board re the Public Hearing for the Mill Plaza Nov. 14. If appropriate, I'd also like you to forward it to Michael Behrendt.

I so NOT think it wise or appropriate for the CDA to present technical details at a hearing on the Mill Plaza, before any real plan can be offered, while other pressing concerns have not yet been addressed. It would be premature and cause concern that the presentation is being rushed without proper information and plans and would make the hearing less than effective.

I also am dismayed at the suggestion by the Panning Bard to change the nature of public input into public hearings. Durham has always valued its town atmosphere as being open and welcoming to the concerns of its citizens. This appears to be an attempt to limit and "manage" how those who make the effort to attend public hearings a controlling process. The need to sign up and be assigned to when one can speak sounds uncivic and uncivil and we've already seen too much of that elsewhere. It makes sense to ask people to wait until others may speak, although that seems a bit cumbersome, as discourse often has the best results, when issues are addressed in a timely way. Also, one doesn't always know if a comment made would lead someone to respond. It is obvious that discussions can appear more than then P.B. wants to hear, but what it says to me is that people care and that is a plus that should be welcomed and appreciated.

Thanks so much, Phyllis Heilbronner, 51 Mill Pond Rd., Durham