

Regarding 19-21 Main street
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Planning Board:

I appreciate that all parties wish for a minimum of repetition in this matter. I would LOVE to not repeat previous requests made by both board members and the public. But, alas, I am here, yet again, asking for a REALISTIC representation of what the “back” side of this naked, elevated car storage yard will look like to residents. Because the applicant has not yet provided it to you.

Over the past many months, the applicant has continued to stonewall about the stone wall. Are they hoping to run out the clock? Well, OK, since the applicant has told us . . . (yet refused to SHOW us). . . what the finished product will look like, I guess all we have is the photoshop visualization by Mr. Meyrowitz. His projected view is attached below, and it's the most close-to-reality representation before you. The applicant says the terrain will ultimately be treeless, yet they insultingly continue to show you bosky woodsy pictures. Mr. Meyrowitz's is the only one that is true to the applicant's narrative.

If Mr. Meyrowitz is wrong in his extrapolation, PLEASE, Messrs. Murphy, show us the error of his ways. Show us how aesthetic this project will actually be. Show us how the immediate neighbors. . and the Faculty neighbors. . and the pathway strollers . . will be so pleased with the result. Show us how it will blend well with its surroundings. Just SHOW US.

Because, if you continue to bob and weave, to sidestep, to fail to provide this crucial picture of the end result of your project then, again,

Mr. Meyrowitz's visualization is the only one that matches your specs.
And it ain't pretty.

Several years ago, during the downtown "building boom," I was speaking with a person who was a town official at the time, who said to me that what we used to have was a town with a university—but it was turning into a university with a town.

That was then; this is now. Here we have an applicant asking Durham to override (in so many ways) its protective zoning conditions. . . in order to construct a huge parking yard right in the middle of our downtown . . .with the In/Out in the midst of our Historic District.. . which will be, per the applicant himself, 95% leased by UNH students . . .

Where, oh where, is the future for our TOWN in this???

Thank you for your continued service to Durham.

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