

Hi Neighbors

Please join us at the **City of Pensacola Special Planning Board Meeting at 2 pm on Tuesday, July 7th**. This meeting is occurring because of legal action taken by my wife Claudia and I against the City. Your attendance and participation are especially important.

The events leading to this meeting began with the proposed "Helm at Hawkshaw" development at 50 S. Ninth Avenue up for final approval at the April 14th Planning Board meeting. The 7-story, 227-unit apartment building is vastly different from the proposed low-rise mixed residential-retail condominium development chosen by the City with the property's sale in 2018.

I attended the April 14th meeting along with three neighbors and pointed out that the development does not follow at least four Gateway Redevelopment District ordinances. Our city's staff justified any noncompliance as "the city ordinances are just guidelines." The Planning Board accepted this explanation and approved the plans with a couple of caveats.

My biggest concern however is the development is noncompliant with the mandatory 75% lot coverage limitation set forth in the Land Development Code (see site plan below). An independent engineering review later confirmed my suspicion. Given our area's susceptibility to flooding and stormwater runoff, preserving green space and permeable areas is critical.

This led us to retain attorney Meredith Bush and the subsequent admission by the city that the April 14th Planning Board process was faulty. As a result, the city scheduled the upcoming Special Planning Board meeting.

I am not trying to halt this development. I simply believe the developers should follow the same rules as you and I. I am advocating for the green space as required by law and the best possible development for our neighborhood.

Attendees will have an opportunity to speak. I hope you attend and take part in this valuable opportunity to support us and share your concerns.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, July 7

Location: Hagler-Mason Conference Room, 2nd Floor City Hall

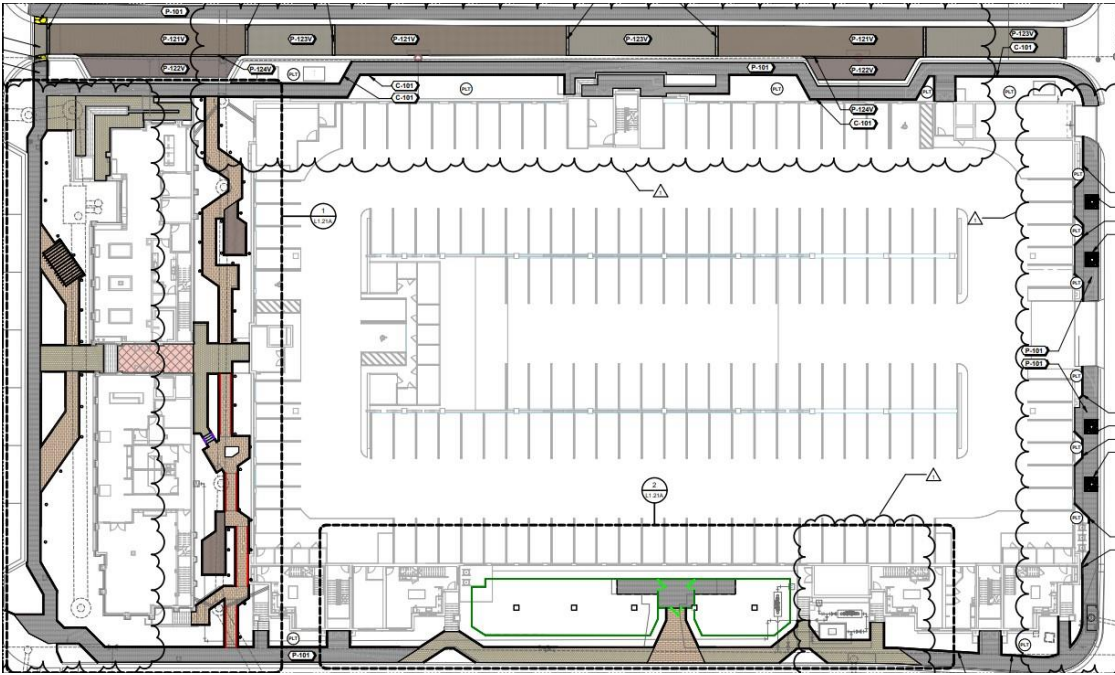
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Thanks for your consideration, please share this message with other interested parties and feel free to contact me.

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1. Site Plan



2. North Perspective



3. South Perspective