

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Patricia Gannon <pg3187@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:47 PM  
**To:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** Marriott Hotel

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Re: Marriott Hotel

5/21/2019

Dear Planning Board President Sandy Sullivan and Board Members:

**On February 16th**, the developer promised to the community and to Board President Sandy Sullivan that there would be a working group to consider drawings submitted by the developer of alternative configurations of the building(s.) Please see below for more specifics.

**At the February 16 meeting**, Board Member Sullivan asked persons interested in reviewing and discussing alternative configurations, to sign up for a working group. However, to date, no working group meetings have been held. Instead, it has taken the developer 3 more months to come up with one more design which was shown this last Saturday, the day before Mothers Day and unfortunately community attendance was relatively low. The alternative drawings were not included

**At the February 16 meeting**, the community asked Mr. Leach to have his architect show plans and elevations showing what other configurations of the building would look like, so that the community could assess their relative impacts. The three which were suggested were:

- (1) a building located diagonally across the lot, facing San Francisco more directly;
- (2) an L-shaped building with some of the building closer to the residences across the lagoon, but with less of the building directly facing the those homes, more of the building facing northwesterly, towards San Francisco, and
- (3) a U-shaped building, again with some of the building closer to the homes, but with less of the hotel building facing the homes directly, and more hotel rooms facing San Francisco and Oakland.

Mr. Leach agreed to prepare such drawings for study. Board Member Sullivan circulated a sign-up list for a working group of persons interested in viewing those studies and contributing input regarding the alternate configurations. No such drawings of alternate configurations have been offered to the community.

Other alternatives the community asked to see included stepping back some of the floors, possibly by re-configuring some of the prefabricated modules for the upper floors, and adding more glass on the top floor or floors, both to break up the huge flat wall and to make the top of the building appear lighter and airier. The eyebrows Mr. Leach has added on the south/bay side are an interesting alternative. The community would also like to see the bulk-reducing ideas they asked about at the February 16 meeting.

None of that has happened. No drawings studying the alternate configurations. No working group. If the alternate configurations really don't work or the other bulk-reducing ideas don't work, then that will be your conclusion. The community has come up with the interesting ideas described above, which do not necessarily require reducing the number of rooms. If the Planning Board's commitment to community involvement is real, then Mr. Leach should prepare plans showing how the alternatives described above would look.

Then the Planning Board can decide whether or not to reject any of those alternatives which the community says it prefers.

Therefore, we, undersigned concerned Alameda residents are requesting postponement of the vote on Mr. Leach's application, and ask him to prepare site plans and elevations showing how the alternatives described would work, and engage with the working group.

Very truly yours,

Edward Sing  
Donna Fletcher  
Brian Tremper  
Howard Sidorsky  
Diane Foster  
Cathy Long  
Tom Krusiak  
Pat Gannon  
George Humphrey  
Steven Gortler

Diane Molter  
Dr Jim Anderson  
Reyla Graber  
Walt Jacobs  
Amelia Foos  
Vicki Varghese  
Sylvia Chin  
Sharon Loshakoff  
Blair Skellie  
Irving Gonzales

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Edward Sing <singtam168@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan; ANDREW THOMAS; NANCY McPeak; LARA WEISIGER  
**Cc:** Reyla Graber; Brian Tremper; Patricia Lamborn; Donna Fletcher; Irving & Alicia Gonzales; Dana Sack; Henry Dong; Velvet Chang; Chad Otten  
**Subject:** May 28th Planning Board Meeting - Final Approval of Marriott Hotel Design and Landscaping

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May 22, 2019

**SUBJECT: May 28, 2019 Planning Board Agenda Item, Approval of Final Design and Landscaping of Proposed Marriott Hotel on Bay Farm Island**

**TO:** Sandy Sullivan, Alameda Planning Board Members, Andrew Thomas

I request that the scheduled discussion (Subject as above) be presented as a **review of efforts** to coordinate the final hotel design and landscaping plan **rather than** final approval of the May 20 design and landscaping plan. My reasons are outlined below.

The May 20<sup>th</sup> information is only the first real effort by the developer to present a revised hotel design and landscaping plan since the February Community Meeting at which residents were asked to provide their concerns and input on the design. At that time, City staff laid out a process for iterative workshops with the Community as the design and landscaping is refined to reflect City staff and Community concerns. These iterative workshops **never** occurred. An April 2019 hotel design was provided to the City and the Community by the developer but it did not reflect ANY of the February 2019 City staff or Community concerns and recommendations. This May design update is only the first design refinement which attempts to address some but not all of our concerns. However, by scheduling a final design approval for the May 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting, the City is essentially saying this plan is “good enough” without providing the Community adequate time (only one week to provide formal comments in lieu of the iterative workshops promised by the City) and adequate resources (the Community needs full size drawings for our review similar to what the City receives for its review. How can anyone adequately review a landscaping plan off of a tiny cell phone or computer screen!?!)

My concerns about the short time frame for review of this design refinement were stated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting two weeks ago, and reiterated herein with justification for further coordination

with the Community. I ask that the City ***uphold its original commitment*** to the Community on iterative workshops. I believe that within a ***short time*** period, a final design can be developed which satisfies all concerned.

Respectfully,

Ed Sing

Bay Farm Resident

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Patricia Lamborn <patricia.lamborn@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan  
**Cc:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** Additional Review Needed- Marriott Residence Inn

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Dear Planning Board President Sullivan and Board Members,

RE: **Marriott Residence Inn**- Proposed 5 stories , 172 rooms, next to Harbor Bay Ferry  
Agendized : Tuesday May 28th, 2019

On Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 you approved the hotel for this site. After the community raised opposition and an appeal, the City Council voted in February 2019 to go forward with the hotel.

**The Alameda City Council did direct the Alameda Planning Board to review and improve the design with community input.**

May 28th is the first time you will be reviewing the designs at this site. The developer just submitted -- on Monday May 20th- alternate drawings, showing possible configurations with the same # of rooms but fewer stories- and different layout.

There have been two community meetings ( Feb.16 and May 11 ) with the developer and planning staff, and some positive changes have been made. The community participants include architects and engineers who live near the hotel site. On Feb 16th the community asked for alternate configurations, signed up to attend additional input meetings, and then heard nothing from the Planning Staff or Developer until a meeting was held May 11. Alternate configurations were not presented at that meeting.

I urge you to review the designs on May 28th, and then direct the staff to set up additional community review sessions before you attempt to reach a " final " decision on this property at this beautiful and environmentally sensitive site-- a few feet from the Bay Trail.

I believe alternate configurations of height and layout could improve the design of this hotel, and it's impact on the Bay Trail, the neighboring community and the Bay Area community as a whole. This is the only opportunity you have or you may approve a building the whole community will look at and ask-----who approved **THAT**--- here ??

Sincerely,

Patricia Lamborn  
patricia.lamborn@aol.com

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Helen Simpson <HSimpson@MPBF.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan; ANDREW THOMAS  
**Cc:** NANCY McPeak; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Jeffrey Cavanaugh; Ronald Curtis; David Mitchell; Rona Rothenberg; Asheshh Saheba; Alan Teague  
**Subject:** Marriott Residence Inn - Request for Delay on a Final Vote of the Hotel Design

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Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Thomas:

In addition to my email below, which I sent on May 8th, I would like to add more information as to why the Planning Board should postpone the final vote on the Marriott Hotel design.

On December 10, 2018, the Planning Board approved the Marriott Hotel for this site. After the community raised opposition and filed an appeal, in February 2019, the City Council voted for the hotel to be built. The City Council directed the Planning Board to review the hotel setback from the Bay and improve the design with community leaders input. It was also indicated that there would be multiple community meetings regarding the design. There have been 2 meetings over a span of 4 months.

It is my understanding that a community meeting was held on February 16<sup>th</sup> (President's Day weekend) and the residents **only** received a one-week notice of the meeting. At the meeting, Ms. Sullivan asked persons interested in reviewing and discussing alternative configurations, to sign up for a "working group." Unfortunately, this invitation was not extended to all concerned residents of Alameda and a "working group" has never been formed. At the same meeting, the community asked Mr. Leach, and he agreed, to have additional plans for the hotel, i.e., the building to be located diagonally across the lot, facing San Francisco; an L-shaped building and a U-shaped building.

Almost 3 months later, the second community meeting took place on May 11<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day weekend and also the Alameda Spring Festival). Since I was not able to attend either meeting because of other commitments and also the very short notices of both meetings. I have been informed that the additional architectural drawings of the above stated plans were not provided at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the developer sent alternate, incomplete designs for the hotel. A community meeting has not been scheduled to review the designs and now, a little over 2 weeks since the May 11<sup>th</sup> community meeting, the Planning Board will make its final decision on the design.

**Please, postpone the final vote on the hotel design until the community has an opportunity to opine on the additional designs provided by the developer.**

It appears that only individuals whom attended the "community group" meeting in February received notification of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please add my name and email address to the group email. [hsimpson@mpbf.com](mailto:hsimpson@mpbf.com).

Thank you.  
Helen Simpson  
Resident of Harbor Bay

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**From:** Helen Simpson [mailto:HSimpson@MPBF.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 9:59 PM  
**To:** ssullivan@alamedaca.gov; athomas@alamedaca.gov  
**Subject:** Marriott Neighborhood Meeting

On Alameda Ferry Facebook page it is posted that there is a neighborhood meeting regarding the proposed Marriott Hotel scheduled for May 11th, during the Spring Festival and Mother's Day weekend. The last meeting was during President's weekend in February. It appears that these meetings are being scheduled during busy weekends for people, knowing that people will not be able to attend.

When was this meeting scheduled? How is the Planning Board notifying neighbors of these meeting? The meeting is in 4 days, and this is the first time I heard of the meeting and I live in Harbor Bay. I looked on the Planning Board's website and it is not posted.

This is unacceptable that the neighbors are not getting notification for these meetings.

Helen Simpson

Sandy, Andrew and Alameda Planning Board Members, Mayor Ashcroft:

Submitted below are my comments, subject as above, for your consideration prior to the May 28th Planning Board Meeting. The City and Community have made some progress with the developer on the hotel design and landscaping plan but there remain many concerns unaddressed by the developer from the Community from the Feb 2019 Community meeting. I share the City and Community's wishes for a project will blend in as much as possible with the adjacent residential, commercial and bayshore areas, and that such a project design is not quite there so to speak but attainable within a short period of time, given assumed cooperation by the developer. The Community waited three months for this design. Please provide additional time to ensure we have a design we can all be proud of. Andrew Thomas asked for our cooperation during the February meeting, and we stand ready to give it.

Ed Sing

Bay Farm Resident

May 22, 2019

**SUBJECT: Comments on May 2019 Refinement of Design and Landscaping for Proposed Marriott Hotel on Bay Farm Island**

**TO: Alameda Planning Board, Andrew Thomas**

**1. General Comments:**

- a. The hotel design incorporates some, but not all of the design refinements requested by the Community during our February 2019 Community Meeting with the City and the Developer. Specifically, the Community has not but should be provided, as promised, hotel designs showing alternative structure alignments, designs showing bulk reducing alternatives (such as terracing of the facade, addition of balconies, etc.), etc. This information should be provided to the Community prior to final buy in by the community and approval of the hotel (which includes the coffee shop and restaurant) design.
- b. Adequate review of the plans cannot be accomplished without full sized copies of the design and landscaping plans. Many in the Community do not have access to large, high definition computer screens and perform their reviews using only the small screen on their smartphones or laptop computers. Please provide full size copies to the Community working groups for review.
- c. After waiting three months for this design refinement, the Community is given only one week to review and provide comments on this information. This is unacceptable from three standpoints:
  - i. Due to paras. 1.a and 1.b, above.
  - ii. The City and developer have failed to fulfill their promise of an iterative review process of design alternatives (this design is only the first iteration of refinement from the December 2018 design).
  - iii. It is inherently unfair to request a one week review given the developer had over three months to procrastinate on presenting an alternative in response to City and Community concerns.



- d. Although this revised alternative is a step in the right direction, it still does not adequately address City staff and Community concerns previously outlined during the February 2019 Community meeting, the December 2018 Planning Board approval meeting and the January 2019 City Council appeal meeting on this project. Comments to this effect et al follow.

## 2. Detailed hotel design comments:

- a. I suggest the eyebrows above and the shutters adjacent to the windows be painted a contrasting color to provide accent to an otherwise drab façade. For example, where the façade is a dark color, paint the eyebrows and shutters a lighter color – and vice versa.
- b. Eyebrows and shutters have been provided on all bay facing windows but not the landward side which faces the residential neighbors. Why not? I suggest we add such to all landward facing windows.
- c. The vertical color variation on the façade provides some interest, culminating in the darkest shade above the landward and bayside entrance ways. I suggest that rather than the same (darkest) color in this vertical area, use a lighter shade above the first or second floors for this vertical area.
- d. Regarding façade color, it is hard to tell what the shades of color are in the architectural drawing – but they appear to be various shades of gray. I suggest that we also look at a less industrial shade that would blend in more with the residential structures – say light blues or beige?
- e. Regarding providing some variation in the façade, the Working group suggested adding Juliet (faux) balconies. Please provide a rendering showing what this would look like.
- f. The City and working group also discussed façade setback (stepping up and back from the base of the structure so as help minimize the bulk of the structure. Please provide a rendering showing what this would look like.

## 3. Detailed landscaping comments:

- a. Please provide a full scale landscaping plan drawing for our review. It is impossible to read the file drawing on a computer even when “zoomed”.
- b. Evergreen Trees and low shrubbery should be provided along the waterside of the lagoon walkway along the entire property line of the hotel. The purpose of these trees and shrubs:
  - i. Replace trees which once existed there but were never maintained and not replaced by the previous owner.
  - ii. Provide consistency in landscaping detail with other residential lagoons within residential areas of Harbor Bay.
  - iii. Provide shade and habitat for wildlife which frequent the area.
  - iv. Provide a first layer of vegetation blocking the view of the structural bulk of the hotel.
  - v. Provide a welcoming environment for island residents and hotel guests who will use this walkway.
- c. Provide tall evergreen trees and low shrubs around the entire landside (North, East and South (West being the Bay)) perimeter of the hotel property to block out views of the bulky structure and block headlights from intruding on neighboring properties.
- d. Provide moderate height evergreen trees along the bayside of the property.
- e. More detailed comments will be provided when we are provided full size drawings.

## 4. Comments on Resolution to approve hotel design and landscaping:

- a. **Suggest that this May 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting be a design review** instead of a design approval meeting for reasons stated in a previous May 22<sup>nd</sup> email to the Planning Board as well as to address the many remaining comments and concerns of the Community.
- b. Please add that the landscaping along the lagoon and the perimeter of the hotel property, and the hotel design (including the coffee shop and restaurant) will be maintained by this and successor owners according to the plan coordinated between the Developer, City and the Community, and will not be revised without coordination and approval of the City and the Community.

5. Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sing

Bay Farm Resident

## **NANCY McPeak**

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**From:** Patricia Baer <2baers@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 3:18 PM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan  
**Cc:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** Marriott Hotel

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Hello City Officials

I am concerned that this project is being expedited without enough opportunity for community input. Please delay the final vote to give enough time for another public meeting with the developer.

Thank you,  
Patsy Baer

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Brian Schumacher <bdschumacher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 27, 2019 8:02 PM  
**To:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** Board of Directors

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The Board should not vote yet. They should spend more time with the developer. Let him have lots of rooms, but not up high so as to ruin views for everyone forever.

Thank you!

Brian and Kathy Schumacher

## **NANCY McPeak**

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**From:** Tom Krysiak <tsitjk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2019 8:33 PM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan  
**Cc:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** Please Delay the Hotel Design Approval...

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Dear Commission President Sullivan and Members of the Alameda Planning Commission:

I've been closely following the community's design review for the proposed Harbor Bay Marriott Hotel project near the HB Ferry Terminal. It appears that the building design should not yet be approved by the Commission on May 28 because the community has not had enough time to review other design options. A demand for "less boxy, less prison like" design alternatives with greater set back distances were not yet fully explored.

Please delay the important decision to proceed until the citizens of Alameda have more time to render meaningful critique for this new hotel's appearance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Krysiak  
308 Sweet Road  
Alameda, CA 94502

Sent from my iPhone

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Paul Foreman <ps4man@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2019 3:09 PM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan; ANDREW THOMAS  
**Cc:** 'Reyla Graber'; 'Patricia Lamborn'; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; NANCY McPeak; LARA WEISIGER; singtam168@att.net  
**Subject:** May 28, 2019 Planning Board Agenda Item, Approval of Final Design and Landscaping of Proposed Marriott Hotel on Bay Farm Island

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Dear Planning Board President, Members and Mr. Thomas:

I am writing in support of the May 22 & 23, 2019 letters submitted to you by Edward Sing in which he requests that the above captioned matter be presented as a review of efforts to coordinate the final hotel design and landscaping plan rather than final approval . I am supplementing his content with my understanding of the historical background that is relevant to his request.

After the community raised opposition and appealed the Alameda Planning Board Dec. 10, 2018 approval of the hotel, the City Council voted on February 5, 2019 to go forward with the hotel. However, Council directed the Board to review the hotel setback from the Bay and improve the design with community leaders input. Mayor Ashcraft directly identified community leaders who are architects and urged them to have input into design changes.

The first community meeting was convened on Feb. 16, 2019. Many design aspects were discussed including the feasibility of increasing the footprint of the building to accommodate the same number of rooms at lower building height. The developer said that other configurations were possible and the community was assured that additional meetings would be convened to address all concerns. Months passed until a community meeting was convened on May 11, but there were no alternate configurations dealing with height/etc. presented nor were many of the modifications that are now being presented to the Board. No additional meetings were convened

On May 20 the developer presented the Planning Department staff with Exhibit 1 attached to the planning staff's Executive Summary and requested final design approval including design modifications that have never been submitted to the community process. In addition the Exhibit includes three alternative footprint drawings for four, three and two story buildings with to explanatory comment.

It is from the above history that I gather my support for Mr. Sing's request. First, not all of the design modifications set forth in the May 20 submission have been subjected to the community process. Second, none the alternative footprint drawings were presented in the community meetings. The planning staff's Executive Summary makes no mention whatsoever of these alternatives. Thus, staff recommends your approval of this project with no acknowledgement that such options exist!

The Mayor and Council directed that all design modifications be presented to the community for reaction before the matter was returned to the Board for approval. This has not occurred. Moreover, the alternative footprints have been ignored. It is inappropriate for planning staff to recommend plan approval without fully disclosing and discussing all reasonable alternatives and justifying the staff recommended option. You are part-time volunteer Board members who are expected to render **informed** judgement on issues. The failure of staff to fully inform you of all reasonable options,

in effect, allows staff to substitute their discretion for yours. This is not in keeping with your function. I urge you to refer this matter back to staff for the community input and follow up that it demands.

Sincerely,

Paul S Foreman



May 24, 2019

Honorable Members of the City of Alameda Planning Board  
c/o City of Alameda Community Development Department  
Alameda City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190  
Alameda, California 94501-4477

RE: File #: 2019-0639 – Planning Board Meeting on May 28, 2019  
Planning Board Review of Plans for Proposed Marriott Residence Inn and Restaurant at  
2900 Harbor Bay Parkway

Honorable Members of the Alameda Planning Board:

When making your decision on this matter, please take into account that the Architectural Review Committee of the Harbor Bay Business Park Association has reviewed and approved the architectural and landscaping plans for the proposed Marriott Residence Inn and Restaurant Development at 2900 Harbor Bay Parkway.

Sincerely,

*Shawnie Samaniego*

Shawnie Samaniego  
Assistant Property Manager  
GS Management Company  
As Managing Agent for  
Harbor Bay Business Park Association

cc: Joe Ernst, Tim Hoppen, Steve Brimhall and Dan Reidy



## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Donna Fletcher <ohprimadonna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2019 9:35 AM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan; Ronald Curtis; David Mitchell; Asheshh Saheba; Jeffrey Cavanaugh; Alan Teague  
**Cc:** NANCY McPeak; LARA WEISIGER; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
**Subject:** Marriott Residence Inn - Community Input to Final Design

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Dear Members of the Alameda Planning Board and City Staff,

Please delay the final design approval of the Marriott Residence Inn and allow meaningful community input to the hotel design to continue, as requested by the project neighbors and community members.

Although some progress has been made in improving design details and materials, design options that would reduce the overall scale and massing of the building—the most offensive and controversial aspects of the design—have not yet been adequately considered.

When the first community input meeting took place on Saturday, February 16, attendees asked to see alternative configurations that would break the building into 2- and 3-story buildings that align with adjacent residences and office buildings. These suggestions were included in notes from the meeting that became part of the project record. However, no alternative configurations have been presented. We were also told at the initial meeting that two working groups would be organized—one to look at design and one to look at landscaping. I don't believe these groups were ever convened.

A second community input meeting was called on May 11 to review revisions made as a result of the February meeting. At that meeting the announcement was made that the project would go back to the Planning Board for final design approval on May 28. This decision was made before the community had even seen or commented on the latest revision.

I know that the community greatly appreciates the Planning Board's and Council's support of community input to the design. (Indeed, both have publicly expressed significant reservations about the hotel design.) However, our work is not done.

This current schedule curtails genuinely considering the significant design changes that will truly make a difference to the residential neighbors. Nor does it provide adequate time for neighbors to review and comment on the revisions as requested. The May 11 meeting was held on short notice and the responsibility for informing neighbors about the second meeting and submitting comments before the May 28 meeting (following a three-day weekend) fell entirely to a small group of neighbors who have stayed in touch with City staff.

In consideration of the above—but more importantly—in consideration of the fact that the Marriott Residence Hotel will dominate our shoreline, our skyline, and adjacent neighborhoods for decades—please ensure that the community input requested and provided will be faithfully considered, before approving the final design of the Marriott Residence Inn. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Donna Toutjian Fletcher  
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Alameda, CA 94502  
510-368-1188

## **NANCY McPeak**

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**From:** Diane Foster <dianefoster@diane-foster.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan  
**Cc:** NANCY McPeak; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
**Subject:** Requesting delay of decision on hotel on Tuesday night

**Importance:** High

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Ms. Sullivan and Planning Board Members, through forward by Ms. Mcpeak,

I am asking that the Planning Board delay the important vote on the hotel at Harbor Bay ( right along the trail) scheduled for Tuesday night May 28th, until the design is improved with more input from community leaders. (Preferably architects as recommended by Mayor Ashcroft).

Very small changes have so far been made so far to the original design, and the building needs to be reconfigured to a 2, 3, or 4 story building that can retain the # of rooms. As it stands it is a a big ugly box. I know the City wants the \$ generated by this hotel, but surely the Planning Board can support something more architecturally fitting that will make our community proud.

There has NOT BEEN DUE PROCESS ON BEHALF OF CONCERNED RESIDENTS. PLEASE DELAY THIS FINAL VOTE TO INSURE ALAMEDA GROWS WITH ARCHITECTURAL RESONANCE AND BEAUTY!!

Thank you, Diane Foster, 107 Centre Ct. Alameda

## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Jaime Troncoso <jtroncoso@alisto.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:55 AM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan  
**Cc:** NANCY McPeak  
**Subject:** Harbor Bay Ferry Hotel

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Dear Council members,

The two community meetings held for this new hotel design by Marriott are sufficient and no need to delay the vote on the final design. The hotel design in its preliminary form is an excellent use for this vacant land. With a five story height, there will be enough vertical space for more parking.

Thank you for your leadership

**Jaime J. Troncoso, P.M.P.**  
Engineer Manager  
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2737 N. Main Street, Suite #200  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597



## NANCY McPeak

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**From:** Cathy Leong <gocathyl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** Sandy Sullivan; Jeffrey Cavanaugh  
**Cc:** NANCY McPeak; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Ronald Curtis; David Mitchell; Rona Rothenberg; Asheshh Saheba; Alan Teague  
**Subject:** Planning BOD vote re: Marriot Residence Inn

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Hello everyone,

**I am writing to ask that you, our community Planning Board delay your final vote on the hotel design** until the community has had time to review, and have meaningful input into the final design changes.

There have been only two community meetings ( Feb.16 and May 11 ) with the developer and planning staff, and some relatively minor changes have been made.

It is my understanding via Nextdoor and community emails that the developer sent unfinished alternate designs just this last Monday, May 20, and neither the community nor Planning Board members have had time to evaluate them fully. That is just plain not right.

Let alone the notification of the afore mentioned meetings I only learned about via an email THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING and was unable to attend.

I also would like to bring up the concern shared in the news of late how the BCDC is not doing their job properly. With that taken into consideration, there is true concern they just blind-stamped approval without truly reviewing just to move it out of their cue. Sad statement to the protection of our limited shoreline resources.

Once you develop there is no going back to nature land. A travesty in my mind.

Sincerely,

Cathy Leong, Harbor Bay Alameda resident since 1987

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**Dear Planning Board President and Board Members:**

**I am writing to ask that you delay a final vote on the Marriott hotel design until the community has had adequate time to review the final design changes and are offered the opportunity to provide input into the final design.**

When I moved into my Duarte Court residence in 1997, I was well aware the land near me was zoned as a Business Park. I am ever-so-thankful that it has taken as long as it has to develop much of it. In that time I've learned to love the open land, Bay views, walking and bicycle paths, and nature and wildlife that are all part of the business park. There have been two relatively new buildings build upon the adjacent Esplanade property, the proposed site of the Marriott Hotel, and I did not object to them as they are well designed, and in proportion to the surrounding community. However, the current 5-story Marriott hotel design is grossly out of proportion to these referenced business structures and the nearby residences. I understand that the hotel could be reconfigured to a 2-3 story building and still retain the number of hotel rooms desired. This seems to me a more appropriate solution.

There have been only two community meetings with the Developer and Planning Staff, and some relatively minor changes were made to the design. I understand that at the [Feb 16<sup>th</sup>](#) meeting it was agreed by the Planning Board and the Developer that concerned residents would participate in future workshops to consider alternate designs. To my knowledge, there have been no additional workshops to allow the community input into the project to arrive at an acceptable design solution for this Bay-front and residential "business park" location. I have been informed that the Developer just submitted their "final plan", although I have been unable to locate it on the City Planning Board's website, allowing only a few days for review by interested citizens such as myself. I do not feel like concerned citizens have been given due process for input into the hotel's "final plan". I feel confident that continuing to work together with the community to find an acceptable solution that works for the Developer and Alameda citizens would help ensure the hotel's success with support of the community.

**Thank you for considering postponing the final vote to allow additional input by concerned and interested Alameda citizens.**

Respectfully,  
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