

Dear Mayor and City Council,

September 17th

This evening, I hope you, as our City Council, will be able to bring resolution to ongoing community concerns regarding the Marriott Hotel proposed for Bay Farm Island. Tonight, community leaders will speak who have spent months and months of time, and energy and research regarding this hotel .

I/we hope you will clearly hear their issues and take them to heart.

On that same hotel parcel, wildlife endures who inhabits the area occasionally or permanently, whether they be mammals or birds. There has been a long standing colony of Jack rabbits living there, as well as various birds that visit from time to time: Burrowing owls have nested there; egrets; great blue herons; the endangered brown pelican , Canada geese, blue birds, kites etc etc.

I understand that at the July 22nd Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board, in approving this parcel, made it clear that the developer needs to provide sufficient landscaping for travel corridors and tunnel corridors for wildlife to maneuver and to find some food ,or just hangout.

This summer, the developer discussed in smaller residential meetings some efforts that would be made regarding wildlife. We briefly discussed how wildlife can get through that wall that is intended to be built.

Of course, landscaping is important not just to wildlife advocates, but also to the general community.

Therefore, we would like to see and be able to comment and discuss with the developer --on the final landscaping plans.

And because of the long length of time this project will take before completion, and knowing that items can get overlook, we respectfully ask that the City Council, reinforces the Planning Board previous statements, and states this evening that adequate landscaping, thruways, and tunnel corridors for wildlife will be included .

Thank you,
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Submitted at the
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Re: 6-A