

Thomas Harrigan

From: Village President Neil Palmer
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Thomas Harrigan
Subject: FW: SSND Convent project....

Tom,
Please circulate.
Neil

From: Bruce, Peter W. <PBruce@dkattorneys.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Village President Neil Palmer
Subject: SSND Convent project....

Dear Mr. Palmer: My wife Joan and I live at 13600 Park Circle North in The Park. We've been in Shorewood and City of Milwaukee for many years after our marriage 51 years ago at St. Mary's Elm Grove and are excited to be back in Elm Grove for the past two and a half years. We grew up in Elm Grove in the 1950's and 60's and attended St. Mary's for elementary school. Recently we've notice roadside signs appearing opposing the proposed project for the SSND Convent and property. I'm writing today to put in a word of support for the current proposal. When I first saw it, I was pleased that it was the Mandel Group. As lifelong greater Milwaukee area residents, we have seen the quality of their projects and have multiple friends who live or have lived in them, including two couples in the condos in the Village. The Mandel Group has a good reputation not only for the quality of their projects but also for their sensitivity to blending into the local environment. In that connection, I used to serve mass as an altar boy at the SSND convent. As I understand it, the proposal would include preservation of that lovely old chapel! How cool is that!! Perhaps more important to me than others, but a clear indication of their esthetic sensitivity to neighborhoods. In our opinion, the School Sisters are committed to selling and moving on. We think the project at Mount Mary college is already underway. So something is going to happen with the old convent property no matter what. What are the chances that a better proposal than Mandel's will come forward? I hope you and the Village Board will give this appropriate weight in the face of the opposing signage. Joan and Peter Bruce