

Subject: Pam Katz/: Babcock Place

From: Pam Katz <pamstevekatz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Maria Morelli
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Dear Ms. Morelli:

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday but I wanted to share my ongoing concerns about the Babcock Place building. I am deeply concerned to learn that the Babcock Place project still does not integrate into the Babcock Street neighborhood. I broadly support affordable housing, however, the ZBA needs to protect residents and the neighborhood by insisting on a scaled down project that better mitigates the concerns of the community.

I am specifically concerned about:

- the height of the building--5 stories is too tall for the neighborhood and casts significant shadows on the park and neighboring homes;
- that the building still fills the entire site, removes every tree, and leave no useable open space;
- that the building has insufficient parking for its 45 units and displaces parking for other Babcock buildings;
- that the building has no service drive or loading zone and leaves garbage collection to a very busy Babcock Street; and finally
- that the building threatens public safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists in the new bike lane.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Pamela Katz
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