

Maria Morelli

From: Savikar Kanchanavanit <savikar@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:37 PM
To: Maria Morelli
Subject: 420 Harvard Street
Attachments: 620 Harvard Street Parking

Dear Maria,

The attachment shows the promised list of current parking requirements. We also like to share with you some newly discovered concerns:

1. The developers implied during yesterday's meeting that the Automatic Parking System(APS) can be used without assistance. This is not feasible for various reasons. I have studied the APS brochures on the web and learned that vehicle height and length are restricted. Any oversized vehicle will result in damage to the APS. Also shopping with small children will require leaving them unattended in the while retrieving or parking the car.
2. The website states that no pit is required but also mentions that only 6 units are operational in the US - all in the San Francisco area. Since Savikar and I have a second home in SF which we plan to visit during the evaluation period we will be able to do an on site inspection and can obtain valuable information and/or contact information.
3. Please do not forget to insist that the developer provides secure and weather protected bicycle storage areas.

Unfortunately we have promised our grandchildren in London that we will spend the summer vacation with them, We will therefore miss the all important July 25th meeting and most likely the July 6 site review.

However we hereby invite you and the team of inspectors into our court yard and back garden to see for yourself just how insensitive the proposed project is to our way of life. Needless to say we will stay in touch and contribute to our steering groups efforts. With your kind permission we would also like to continue looking for you to be our contact person at Town Hall.

Regards,

Savikar and Hagen

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From: Savikar Kanchanavanit <savikar@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:39 PM
To: Maria Morelli
Cc: Colm McMahan; Michael Jacobs
Subject: Klaus Trendvario 4200 parking system

Dear Maria,

Over the last couple of days I have done research into the Klaus parking system. Here is a summary of what I found so far:

1. The Klaus Company has a distributor in Lafayette, CA 94549 (in the San Francisco area).
2. The sales brochure makes no claims of quiet operation
3. There are a total of five (5)installations in the USA - all in the San Francisco area:
 - Bachenheimer building - apartment building in Berkeley - 28 unit parking system - installed March 2004
 - Fine Arts Apartments - gated community in Berkeley - 59 unit parking system (under ground) - installed March 2004
 - Acton Court yard - apartment building in Berkeley - 61 unit parking system - Installed January 2003
 - Performance Center in Livermore - 6 unit parking system - installed March 2003
 - The Blu - Condo building in San Francisco - 112 unit parking system - installed March 2009 (this was done to accommodate the owners after the building was completed)

Apartment managers have no interest in critiquing their parking solutions and I made therefore little progress. I came to the conclusion that official answers should come from CA City Halls.

Since 3 out of 5 applications are apartment buildings in Berkeley similar to the 420 Harvard Street project I suggest that the Town of Brookline gets in touch with the Berkeley Town Hall Planning Department to get answers from an official source. The condo building in San Francisco is unique in requiring a parking system after completion of the building. Therefore it looks like **no new installations in the US occurred in the last 12 years! I believe there must be a reason for such a long dry spell.**

Here is a list of suggested questions:

1. Has the Berkeley City Hall granted or rejected any Klaus parking system applications since 2004?
2. If rejected what were the reasons?
3. Is the Berkeley City Hall aware of any safety, noise or other issues with the Klaus parking system?
4. Are the Klaus parking systems in the Berkeley community operated by the tenants or by a parking attendants?
5. Are the parking systems operational 24/7 or are there night time shut downs?
6. Has the Berkeley City Hall any knowledge of system breakdowns and maintenance issues?
7. Do the systems have a power back-up in case of power outages?
8. Would the Berkeley City Hall be willing to look at the preliminary architectural drawings of the parking area and provide comments?

Before the July 25 meeting I will supply our steering committee with a letter summarizing our 44 Fuller Street specific concerns with the request that they submit it to the hearing committee chairman during the meeting. I will provide you with a copy before the meeting.

This note is submitted in a sincere attempt of allowing a fair evaluation of the Klaus parking system.

Sincerely,

Hagen