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Subject: Informal application for project at 156 South High Street

I regret I am out of town for this ARB meeting and unable to speak in person in support of Mr. Grabill's application.

From what I understand of Mr. Grabill's plan after seeing the drawing and talking to him, I support the application in this stage of review. The original structure around which the north end (the 156 address) of the Eger property dates to the mid-1800's according to the Franklin County Auditor. Mr. Grabill may have better records through his research. Nonetheless, it is an old structure and we know Mr. Grabill has done good work with restoration or rehabilitation of historic structures as he did with his former home in the Historic District. He intends to retain as much of this part of the building as possible.

He says his design vision is for the buildings to look as though they were built in different times. This is like the way Mr. Schmitt built his house, I believe, and that turned out well from that design standpoint. I support this aspect of the application.

Mr. Grabill also shows the north building is two units and the other two are separate units. This will be visually more interesting than one contiguous building and will allow light between the structures.

I also like his plan to use pavers for the hard surfaces vs. paved driveways. This is a different look for the Historic District on South High Street. Pavers have been approved on South Riverview Street, I believe. Approval for South High Street may set a new example for future construction.

Thank you for consideration of my thoughts in support of the plan.

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