

# **Public Comments**

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Lori Thompson  
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Dear Ms. Thompson,

I am dumbfounded that Trepanier & Associates would request that we write a letter of support regarding the 716-718 South Street Project that passed the Planning Board on September 18. Unfortunately we could not be in Key West for the planning meeting, but I did monitor of all of the public record letters that appeared on the website as well as noting when they were posted. After viewing the entire meeting of September 18th online, I was very disheartened by the way the proceeding was conducted.

First I discovered that our neighbors had been misinformed. Trepanier & Associates had told them the subdivision on Washington had asked that the project be moved five feet closer to their property line. We asked that you shrink your project five feet, not move it to encroach on our neighbor's property setback. I would not think kindly upon neighbors who asked such a thing.

Second, the project was passed after one of the planners asked if there was opposition from any adjacent neighbors and someone answered no which was not the case. Mr. Warren Dedrick had submitted a letter of opposition to waiving the set back as his property shares the largest border. His concerns as a next door neighbor whose lifestyle will be the most impacted by the Sea Shell Project were not considered or even mentioned. This leads me to conclude the Planning Board did not take the time to look at the letters in the public record and the planner, Kevin Bond failed to mention it. The letter was available at the time of the meeting. I checked on the status of the public record letters daily because Mr. Bond's office took some of them offline for a day or two and I found this unacceptable.

Any letter stating that we have no objection to the proposed development of the Two Ocean Inn will not be forthcoming from us. I am sharing these thoughts via email with both HARC and the City of Key West Planning Board.

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie Koontz