

To Key West Planning Department:

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My family has been a part of The Children's School since its beginning in 1972. I have watched it grow from an empty store front, paint store, to the current impressive campus on Varela and United. The school is a parent co op and with each family involved comes a respect and energy that maintains the property with the neighborhood consideration.

The block house that is being considered now as an addition to the existing school does not fit with the historic look of the neighborhood. The plan is to continue the white picket fence which will tie it in nicely with the existing campus.

If you drive or walk by the school you will find a lovely quiet environment which brings charm to the neighborhood.

The Children's Schools acquisition of this property with the intention of including it in the existing campus insures and protects the historic charm of the Varela Street neighborhood. I am proud to have been a part of the growth of this school for 47 years.

Sincerely,

Beverly OConnor