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RE: Review of Proposed Hotel Development Application

Steve,

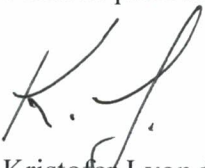
I reviewed the hotel development application and my comments are included here.

The addition of a 140-room hotel, regardless of the neighborhood, will bring with it some crime. Hotel's do not background check their guests and have frequent turnover. Common crimes associated with hotels and temporary lodging include:

- Fraud - Identity theft and credit card fraud.
- Internet Crimes - Unsecured wireless networks can leave guests vulnerable.
- Physical Crimes - Robbery, domestic violence, and assault.
- Vehicle Burglaries.

However, a high-end hotel that is safety conscious will likely see little of these issues. Parking lots, paths, and corridors should be well lit and monitored by security camera. From the application, the parking lot appears to have sufficient lighting. I can't tell from the drawings if there is separate lighting planned for the pedestrian path adjacent to the railroad. If not, I would recommend additional lighting. If security cameras are planned, I would recommend they be recorded and retained for a sufficient period. Having front desk personnel monitoring the cameras would also improve safety.

I second Terry Goerdts' recommendation for security bollards on the southern edge. I would also like to see bollards protecting the north and south ends of the pedestrian path from vehicles.

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