

City of Hamilton

Attention:

Chair and Members of the Planning Committee

Re:

Application by 347 Charlton Ave (PED18035)

I act as Chair of the Kirkendall Development Review Committee and am writing in regards to Application to Amend the City of Hamilton Zoning By-Law No. 6593 for Lands Located at 347 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton (Ward 1), (PED18035).

The Kirkendall Development Review Committee (DRC) is comprised of resident volunteers who keep apprised of development proposals within the neighborhood itself. The committee liaises with residents, developers, and other stakeholders who are proposing both residential as well as commercial projects in the Kirkendall neighbourhood.

The Development Review Committee has been highly aware of the project at 347 Charlton Avenue West and, in fact, hosted a meeting between the residents and the developers so that residents could express their concerns and gain a greater understanding of the project being proposed.

In general, the Development Review Committee supports housing of various types in our neighborhood. We have a very vibrant neighborhood and many people want to live here but home ownership has become an impossible goal for many people. As such, having rental units, condo development and diverse housing stock meets the needs of people who seek to live in the area.

The Development Review Committee does not take a specific stand on issues. We hope to provide opportunities for dialogue between developers and residents and let the immediate neighbours speak for themselves.

It appears that the developer has attempted to meet some of the resident concerns with architectural adjustments to the project. Balconies and a roof top amenity have been eliminated to address neighbour concerns regarding privacy. Parking - always a concern in Kirkendall - is being provided on site for every unit. Further, the height of the building is in keeping with other homes on the street and similar to other multi residential in-fill units currently in the neighbourhood.

It is appreciated the efforts the developer has made thus far to consider the residents' concerns. We hope there will be continued dialogue between the developer and residents as this proposal works through the next stages.

Thank you for taking the time to review our comments, please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

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Hewiet per Doreen Sternann Chair, Development Committee, Kirkendal Neighbourhood Association