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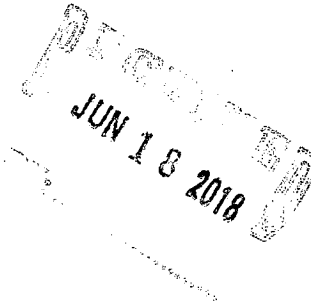
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June 11, 2018

Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you for meeting to consult with me regarding the proposed expansion of Oscar's Hardware Store on South Shelby Street at Burnett Avenue. During our meeting you stated that the neighborhood plan for the area requires a three (3) foot tall wall to be erected around the perimeter of the parking lot. You asked for my professional opinion regarding any safety or crime concerns associated with building such a wall. While not weighing in on the aesthetic merits of the proposal, I do have concerns based upon my professional experience that the wall could be a crime and safety issue.

The diminutive height of the wall and its location bordering the sidewalks along a bus and pedestrian route would make it a natural spot to sit and loiter. Small retaining and perimeter walls are prevalent in the Old Louisville neighborhood, which is a short distance away. These walls, particularly near bus stops, have unfortunately become places for intoxicated and/or transient persons to congregate. As the commander of the 4th Police Division I field a large number of complaints regarding this activity. I am concerned that a wall at Oscar's Hardware, given its location across the street from a structure zoned for alcohol sales and along a bus route near substance abuse recovery providers, increases the chance that it could be used in an undesirable manner.

In other neighborhoods within the 4th Division we have worked with property owners to identify ways to help design barriers that are aesthetically pleasing and deterrents to crime, such as through landscaping. My staff and I would be happy to assist you, the property owners, and any other concerned parties as you work through this process.

Regards,

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