

Oak Bluffs Planning Board

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To whom it may concern,

I am a leaseholder at 81 Trinity Park in Oak Bluffs and would like the opportunity to express my opposition to the proposed building structure. I am providing a few of my reasons for this opposition in the attached letter. If for some reason my letter does not show in this email, please let me know. I feel it is important to be heard.

Thank you!

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May 10, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I am a lease holder at 81 Trinity Drive along with my father Fred Huss and his wife Brenda Huss. I am writing you today to express my opposition to the proposed outbuilding that is to be attached to the Tabernacle. This is just not the time for a project like this and here are just a few reasons that I feel that this project should be postponed indefinitely.

1. First and foremost, the board vehemently refuses to let homeowners/leaseholders make any changes to their homes that will change or help the structural inadequacies of these ancient homes. If you are going to continuously shoot down the changes that are necessary to the homes so that you do not take away from the "look" of the campground, then you cannot go against your own decisions and add something that will take away from the "look" of the Tabernacle. Also, the amount of structural damage that you would do in performing the work necessary would then require you to possibly replace lawns, sidewalks, trees and possibly roads that all contribute to the "look" of the campgrounds.
2. Financially, this is not the time to do construction. Labor and materials for one are at an all-time high. The county, and the world if you will, is experiencing too many variables and it is just not the right time to try and employ contractors and pay the exuberant fees required at this time for any building projects. On a personal level, we are also trying to recover from the Covid pandemic. I for one do not like that we are still using this as an excuse but the truth is that it has effected many people physically, mentally and financially. The stock market is crashing and the many people are already suffering financially and this would/could potentially be an added expense that some people can just not afford now.
3. There is already a process in place. The chairs are already being stored, the piano has been taken care of for years. The process already works. There is no reason to change it. The restrooms that are there now are fitting the needs. This is just an unnecessary change. If you are going to work so hard to keep the historical, traditional, old-time look, then this addition should not even be considered.

This should not be a decision that only a hand full of people get to make. Many of the homeowners and their families have lived in these houses since they were built. I have been visiting the island and in particular my family's home in the campground for my 50 years of life. My dad grew up there and his parents before him. I hope for many more years on the island and in that house. The house at 81 Trinity drive is in direct view of the Tabernacle and therefore would visibly be effected. I hope that you take all this into account when you are making your decision. This does not only affect you but all the owners and the generations to come.

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