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Subject:	Regarding the proposed Treasure Hill Development - Traffic Related Issues
Attachments:	image1 (1).jpeg; image2.jpg; imageshoe.png

Dear Sir or Madam,

In case you missed the gridlock traffic event on Empire Ave last Friday evening, Jan 12, 2018 - here are a couple pics (attached) that I took from the 1200 block of Empire (the signage of the Chateau Apres Lodge can be seen in the first pic). Traffic was at a standstill as far as you can see in both directions for well over an hour.

This is just one example of what has become a continual dilemma. It makes just getting out of the driveway a cause for stress, with cars buzzing up and down the street at breakneck speed. When the traffic stacks up it becomes an arduous task simply getting out of the neighborhood (40 minutes of stop and go traffic on Thursday, December 28th to get from PCMR to Ghidotti's). We simply do not have the infrastructure, sufficient city street grid, alternative routes, or anywhere near adequate parking to intentionally increase capacity in Old Town. The glass is already overflowing, yet we continue to pour? In this, we risk losing that which makes us a desired holiday location.

Nobody leaves the city to go sit in traffic and breathe exhaust fumes.

Also attached is a nationally syndicated cartoon that a relative sent me all the way from South Florida... "Shoe". It's funny because it's true, and that's NOT so funny. This cartoon was seen ***nationwide*** just a few weeks ago and should serve as a cautionary tale. The ink has dried and the message is clear, but it's not too late. The writing is literally on the wall - it's up to us not to let ourselves be turned into a national joke, an unfortunate cliche. Nobody else is going to stop it from happening - it's up to us. We need to take action to PROTECT PARK CITY.

I'd like to offer a friendly reminder that the traffic survey they did on Empire for the Treasure Hill project (the only one I'm aware of) was done during the hours posted with "No Right Turn" on the sign leaving PCMR, in effect seemingly cherry picking their data set.

I can also say the constantly non-functional "flashing light" speed limit sign in front of 1207 Empire Ave has absolutely ZERO affect on the traffic brazenly speeding past families walking to and from the resort, it serves only as an always flashing neon blight on the Ave, an eyesore at best, brightly flashing a fictitious speed of 23 MPH even at 4AM with not a single car on the road. With this kind of traffic and no actual enforcement it's only a matter of time before a pedestrian family bundled up for the cold with kids ambling along in ski boots is tragically struck by a vehicle in the often icy conditions.

We have seen how this scenario of relentless growth plays out in S. Florida and elsewhere, the charming beach communities that drew people to them in the first place turn into the very places people tend to avoid, with empty condos lining the trashladen beaches to the point that you can't see the ocean for the condos (a sad redux of the phrase "can't see the forest for the trees"). Once the local youth becomes priced out of their own hometown a city loses its soul, and once that very thing that drew people to it in the first place collapses, along with it goes commerce as well. This is not hyperbole, this is something I've lived firsthand. There is a happy medium to be found between cozy and commerce, between "a certain charm"... and smarm.

The prospect of wading willingly into a substantial increase in what is already so obviously a problematic and dangerous traffic situation is cause for great concern. It raises grave questions to all over the mental capacity and/or any potentially undisclosed underlying motivations of any person voting to approve a project that would serve to exacerbate this very real problem, along with so many others (waste, water, environmental, etc). To what end? Are we putting profit before people? Are we placing short sighted "gains" ahead of our long term viability as both a township with a soul AND desired holiday destination? I'd like to think that we are better than that. We shall soon see, as the votes are counted, exactly who we are.

I thank you for the hard work you do, for your continued concern and efforts in this endeavor to guard against the danger of a slow-motion decline of Park City disguised as "progress". Being rich is knowing when you have enough. I encourage you to think of the generations that will inherit this wonderful place we all know and love. It's up to all of us to lead the way and clearly demonstrate the will to preserve and protect Park City.

Sincerely,

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