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To the MV Commission:

RE: Bradley Square

Though I live on Vineyard Avenue, smack in the middle of an area that has been termed by many as the "Arts District", I don't consider myself a member, since I am not an artist. So that's point one. I have to say that I, as a non-artist by inclination, and talent, and employment, who lives in what used to be a simple blue collar neighborhood in Oak Bluffs am feeling very estranged by the artists, who seem in many ways to have taken over the neighborhood, instead of wanting to live side-by-side with us non-artists.

Point two (perhaps better answered by the attorney for the town of Oak Bluffs): if the contracts for the architect and the builder have already been given out, then how can the town of Oak Bluffs monetarily support this project, if neither of those contracts was submitted for bid, no matter what the generous terms from both the architect and builder might be?

Point three: until all the preliminary studies are completed by the MVC, hopefully a neutral presence in what has quickly become a very polarizing situation, let us not think of this project as fait accompli and instead concern ourselves with what are still preliminary issues concerning the development of this property.

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