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Dear Members of the Commission:

The current proposal of Mr. Muckerheide is improved by having a coherent style. Unfortunately, the proposed structure's mass and scale is far too large for the neighborhood.

Mr. Muckerheide's building is easily twice the mass of the largest building proposed in the nearby Bradley Square project, and taller than either new structure by several feet. To approve one affordable housing project of this mass and scale, after another has been effectively limited to something much smaller would be, in our opinion, inconsistent.

We remain supportive of Mr. Muckerheide's objective and proposed use. We are not opposed to the number of units. By simply dividing the mass of the proposed structure, the number of units and square footage could maintained while mitigating the inappropriate mass.

One additional point. At an earlier public hearing Mr. Muckerheid stated that the structure would not be visible from South Circuit Ave. We hope commissioners will drive down this street in both directions and look toward the Muckerheide property. They will find that even the current one story structure is largely visible even when the foliage is out, and will be even more so after the leaves fall. Both designs submitted so far would be far more noticeable from that perspective, and the visual impact would be felt far from Dukes County Avenue.

We strongly urge you not to approve this project in its current form.

Susan and David Wilson