

## Paul Foley

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 3:33 PM  
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**Cc:** Foley@mvcommission.org; GailMaritza@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Keep Oak Bluffs Quaint and Quiet

Dear Cottage City Historic District Commission,

I am writing to you concerning the proposed Bowling Center for Uncas Avenue/Hiawatha Park. I am a homeowner/frequent visitor to the island and Oak Bluffs. I return to Oak Bluffs because it is quaint/lovely/historic.

I am opposed to the developer's plans to build a bowling center in the heart of Oak Bluffs. The size of the building and its multipurpose nature make it clear that this would really be a sports bar first with a few bowling lanes attached.

This proposal:

- will detract the family environment of Oak Bluffs
- will cause a traffic and parking nightmare
- will be a drain on municipal resources – particularly the police
- will disturb a quiet and peaceful neighborhood with early morning food and alcohol deliveries
- will result in late night drunken loiterers in the surrounding parks
- will deprive the Senior Center of parking spaces
- is too close to the playground and basketball and tennis courts of Niantic Park
- is out of scale with other buildings
- will be an eyesore from South Circuit Avenue
- has a questionable waste disposal scheme
- would devalue Highland Park which is part of the African American Historic Trail
- would dissuade visitors from returning to the Island

This proposal would not be good for Oak Bluffs. I encourage you to stop the proposed bowling alley. Please read this letter at the next hearing/meeting.

Sincerely,

Sandra B Dolphin

Frequent Oak Bluffs Visitor for over 50 years

cc Selectwoman **GailMaritza**

Commissioner Paul Foley

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