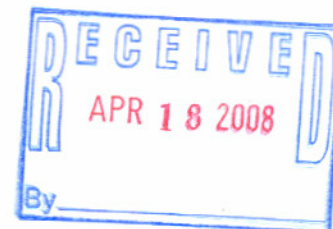


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Dear Members of the Commission:

Thank you for contacting us about the public hearing tonight. Thaw and I won't be able to come, we are in Texas. I would like to express my feelings.

Thaw and I have recently left the Vineyard as full time residents because it became too expensive for us. Last year we spent almost 6 months on the Vineyard. The Vineyard continues to be a great place for us to make an income, we have 30 yrs. of life as artists there and many patrons. It is home for us. We may live elsewhere for part of the year, but nothing takes the place in our hearts that the Vineyard has.

It is not just that the Vineyard is a beautiful place, it's the people who have become our friends. I feel a part of a community. I can go anywhere and see a friendly face and that person is happy to see me. I haven't experienced that any where else. A big part of that community is the art community. I can hardly tell you how heartwarming it has been to see the show of support from the art community towards Thaw and myself in being a part of Bradley Square. Holly Alaimo has been our hero (she married us!). She has said that alot of her efforts have been with people like us in mind. For Thaw and myself to have the opportunity for ownership in a live/work space in the arts district, is a dream come true.

I also want to commend all of you who have been involved in putting this together. The designs show an attractive use of the property, and as an affordable space for artists and others, development of Bradley Square will benefit the community for years to come.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

All my best,
Karen English-Malin