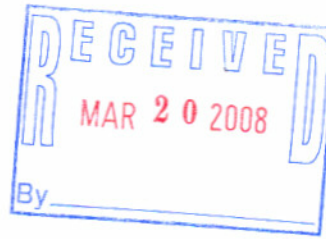


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Dear friends, neighbors, and commission

My name is Michael Hunter and I have lived and worked directly across the street from the Denniston building for going on 12 years now, while growing my buissnes PIK-NIK into a reputable fine art gallery and boutique.

Through out this time I, like so many others, have looked upon the house and adjacent lot and dreamt of the many possible uses and thought of the sort of business I would most like to see go up across from my home and business.

I was never in doubt that some day something would go up there, the question was always What? The property offered a ripe opportunity for anyone with vision...and a bunch of money to put into it. After all, the neighborhood known as the Arts District has fast become a hot destination spot drawing folks from all points of the Island.

The arts District, through the collective efforts of my neighbors and peers has helped to transformed a strip once rich with culture, family and light industry, but more recently as current as the late 1980's as an area with diminished charms. The families grew and dispersed, the businesses waned or moved on to larger sites, and what remained was a track of Dukes County Ave. notorious for run down structures, house squatting derelict behavior and capital crime.

It was the trickle of art galleries and artistic shops and businesses that would once again let this neighborhood shine.

The Bradley Square project is an opportunity to combine affordable housing, with a heavy emphasis on the arts is an unprecedented opportunity for controlled town expansion that serves many of the need for housing that is so prevalent on the island at large.

I trust that the developers will work hard to address the concerns of those most directly impacted by the project, issues such as parking are being tackled and addressed, and I look forward to some solutions.

I support this project and see it as an asset to our town and the Island

Sincerely

Michael Hunter  
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