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**Dear Friends and Neighbors:**

**Earlier this evening, I spoke with Pat King and received his impressions on what was presented by various people at the two Martha's Vineyard Commission public hearings held this past week. I trust that those of us from the Windemere Road neighborhood express our collective gratitude to Chip Graham and David Gross and Pat King for their participation.**

**In the event that you haven't yet seen it, I have attached a downloaded copy of the article that appeared in the November 10 edition of The Vineyard Gazette. Apparently, Mr. Gross made an impassioned and factual case concerning the proposed new employee parking area on Eastville Avenue. As a result, this coming Monday and Tuesday mornings the members of the Commission will be taking a personal tour of the site. As a great portion of the hearing was devoted to the issue of the parking lot, As a great portion of the meeting was devoted to the issue of the parking lot Mr. King indicated to me that he intends to be present at that viewing and then will encourage the Commission members to also walk back the several hundred foot distance to our Windemere Road neighborhood. He plans to point out precisely what our concerns are about the impact arising from the south facing elevation, the dual use road, loss of rental revenue (with no reduction in real estate taxes) to property owner during the two and one half year construction, etc. It should be made clear that the issues of our neighborhood also demand the attention of the Commission as does the proposed parking lot.**

**There now appears to be some other serious issues. There is evidence that the magnitude of the structural steel specifications for the new building far exceed those required to provide adequate foundations for a two story building. This will enable the hospital, or more than likely, their partners, Massachusetts General, in some later expansion program, to add perhaps three more floors to the new structure. Obviously, this would dwarf the present proposed structure.**

**Mr. King suggested at the hearing that, as part of the Hospitals' application process, it might be a good idea for a large crane to be rented on top of which a camera would be mounted to take some south facing photographs from the levels of both a two story and then a five story building. This would enable all to see what it will like to peer down on the homes of for those of us living on Windemere Road.**

**We think that the present site could be significantly downsized, and thereby remain where it is currently sited, if:**

**1- the Doctors facilities now located within the Hospital were obliged to find other, market value, office rental space in Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs or elsewhere thereby enhancing the tax rolls for those towns.**

**2- the new physical rehabilitation facilities now planned to be included within the new structure might be consolidated into the newly built YMCA building.**

**3- a comprehensive analysis of enhanced tax flows into the various towns resulting from revenues that currently do not get into the tax collectors coffers.**

**Since a decision by the MVC is now scheduled to be taken ON THURSDAY OF THIS COMING WEEK, the final session of this process, we URGE EVERYONE RECEIVING THIS E-MAIL TO EMPHATICALLY SHARE THEIR COMMENTS DIRECTLY WITH THE MVC in writing at the earliest possible moment to express strongly any comments you have in support of our opposition to the Hospitals' reconstruction proposal .**

**With this e-mail, we are reminding Mr. Foley of the Commission of the written submission we made to him after the August meeting in the Vineyard Haven Senior center. In it we pointed out that the economic value of the current 13 acre site should be considered as part of the overall siting decision. We express the views of our group of neighbors in believing that between \$16,000,000 and \$25,000,000. could be generated from liquidation of the present site. Those funds, when added to the \$42,000,000 already raised would make the relocation elsewhere, to use Mr. Walsh's words, "feasible". We hope Mr. Foley will prepare copies of this communication for distribution to the entire MVC as part of their consideration of the application..**

**With best wishes to all.**

**Judith and Victor Linn**