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I'm writing in regards to two building projects in the works, 9 Masonic and 8 Masonic, "The Bradley Building".

Both projects are too big, too high, don't fit in with the architecture of the neighborhood, and do not have enough off street parking.

- 2 The Bradley Building is allowing for only one parking space per unit. it's not enough. For what the affordable living spaces will be selling for they will probably need 2 incomes therefore 2 cars. That's in the neighborhood of 26 spaces and some individuals have 2 cars themselves. The Shops are going to need parking spaces for their many customers. 2 to 3 people per shop, 10 to 15 more spaces.

What's the purpose of moving the historical building on this site? There are people who know how to restore places like this by lifting it up and putting a foundation under it and actually repairing with plaster and trim and so forth.

- 3 The project on 9 Masonic wants to build on the whole footprint, 2 feet from all property lines, therefore leaving no fire lanes and no setback from residential neighbors who have been there for more than 20 years. This project also hasn't enough parking. they are allowing 3 spaces for 4 retail businesses and an apartment. they would need at the very least 5 spaces.

- 4 We're hearing about one way streets and sidewalks. Who's paying for these sidewalks? our taxes are already through the roof! One way streets! driving around extra circles to get where you're going at the price of gas!

I've already been coming home the last 8 years or so from work June to September with strangers in my parking spots and up on my lawn having to knock on Art Gallery doors (and others) and it is only

going to get worse if special permits and variances are handed out to properties too small and in areas already with too much congestion. This goes for all of Oak Bluffs. Tearing down one story cottages

and building 2 to 3 story structures is unexceptable. I came here for a better quality 31 years ago and it is seriously dwindling

I'm all for affordable housing but lets make it affordable for the people buying them and let's try making things fit in. less units. only 2 stories high!! making room for the much needing parking spaces and PLEASE leave room for FIRE LANES.



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I also think a pharmacy was a better idea for Bradley site.. Oak Bluffs has need one since it left Circuit Ave. They could have built something resembling the mv national. It blends in. And we could stay this side of the bridge traffic.