

June 28, 2013

City of Ann Arbor 301 East Huron Street P.O. Box 8647 Ann Arbor, MI 48107

RE: Response to Planning Project: Commission Request Jackson Avenue – Hampton Inn

Project Number: 17485.01

Ms. Rampson:

We have made the following changes and wish to offer the following clarity on the Jackson Avenue Hampton Inn project SP13-002 2910.

The petitioner has worked in conjunction with the City in order to add in the following pedestrian connections to the site plan.

- 1. Wood Chip path with picnic table area along the front wooded area of the site to facilitate a walking path along the usable perimeter of the site. This path connects to the two previously proposed entrances from Jackson Avenue into the site.
- 2. The island at the back of the site has been modified to provide a straight pedestrian corridor across the parking area to a picnic table area.
- 3. We have provided an alternate pedestrian access route at the west access to cross the front parking lot in a more direct route toward the front door of the Hampton Inn hotel. This route now crosses to the center island, runs along the north side of the bio-retention area then across to the front door.
- 4. We have modified the center walkway in order to be a straighter more direct path toward the Hampton Inn hotel.
- 5. We have modified the Eastern site entrance for a direct route toward the front door of the Clarion hotel.
- 6. We have also provided a wider walkway underneath the porte-cochere at the front entrance to the Clarion hotel to accommodate this direct pedestrian route from Jackson Avenue.
- 7. We have revised the public walkway within the existing easement at the southeast corner of the property in order to facilitate a safer crossing of the entrance to I-94 if MDOT chooses to place one in the future.
- 8. As a part of the Clarion pedestrian entrance we revised the existing curb to eliminate excess pavement at a crossing to the front door of the hotel to facilitate a safer crossing for pedestrians.

To provide clarity we offer the following site explanation.

- There is currently no sidewalk across Jackson Avenue at the Weber's Restaurant site across from our proposed Hampton Inn hotel, either internal or within the right-of-way, therefore this would be a walk to nowhere and a large safety concern.
- The on-site utilities have been installed, both public and private.

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- Any additional lengths to the public water main that bisects our site would add future maintenance cost to the City.
- The on-site storm sewer and detention system has been previously installed.

We look forward to meeting with the Planning Commission on July 2nd to seek approval.

Respectfully Giffels Webster

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