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From: King, Lindsay
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 12:33 PM
To: PRC
Subject: FW: 815 9th Avenue (#3030904) Comments
Attachments: 815 9th DRB Letter.pdf

Please add to the project record.

Thank you,

Lindsay

From: Doug Holtom <doug@firsthill.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 9:21 AM
To: King, Lindsay <Lindsay.King@seattle.gov>
Cc: Anne McCullough <anne@firsthill.org>; James Erickson <jerickson8@comcast.net>
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Good Morning Lindsay,

Attached below, you will find a PDF with comments from the First Hill Improvement Association regarding the design review for the proposed 815 9th Avenue (#3030904) project. We appreciate the opportunity to comment and look forward to seeing the success of the project.

Best,

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First Hill Improvement Association

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November 26, 2018

RE: 815 9th Avenue (#3030904)

Lindsay King,

First Hill is a dense, urban neighborhood with a rich mixture of residential, commercial, and institutional development. The First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) advocates on behalf of a vibrant public realm that emphasizes walkability, connectivity and good urban design. Development of First Hill is rapidly occurring, we wish to ensure these projects reflect the priorities of the community in order to ensure projects fit within the existing urban design context.

FHIA has met with the project team multiple times regarding their proposal. Provided below are comments for 815 9th Avenue (#3030904), which we hope you will find useful in providing guidance to their team as they move forward.

DC2A. Massing. The First Hill Improvement Association supports Option C for the tower massing. Option C will help to maximize views for this and neighboring projects, and it will reduce the perceived mass of the building.

FHIA also prefers Option C for the podium massing. The porch provides an entry transition between street and interior along with a visual depth at street level. FHIA supports the requested departure along 9th Avenue. Options A and B for the podium do not do enough to create meaningful space and break the continuity of the street.

DC2B. Architectural Facade Composition.

FHIA would like to see a better relationship between the podium and the tower besides the terracotta masonry. FHIA suggests that the podium express a vertical emphasis, rather than a horizontal emphasis. Moving forward, FHIA encourages the project team to explore light colored masonry materials to reference the Cathedral and the neighboring Envoy Apartments.

FHIA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project. We look forward to continuing a collaborative relationship with all parties as this project proceeds.

Anne McCullough
Executive Director

Jim Erickson
Urban Design and Public Space Chair