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The attached letter is public comment against the design proposed for Marin Building C.

Paul and Kathryn Petersen
Owners, Marin Building B, unit 206

Letter to the Blaine City Council

January 19, 2019

Blaine City Council
435 Martin Street, Suite 4000
Blaine, Washington 98230

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I are the original owners of unit 206 in Marin Building B, purchasing it in 2014. We live in Bellingham, WA and bought it as a get-away throughout the year and also a possible retirement home.

We're writing in opposition to the proposed design of Building C of the Marin Planned Unit Development project. The main basis for our objection is simply its architectural design, not the project itself. We're glad the property is planned for development.

In our opinion, the proposed design is definitely NOT in keeping with the overall look of the other buildings on the spit. The Semiahmoo resort set the design tone when it was first built in the 1980's and we believe that it still has a timeless look and feel.

The initial two Marin buildings were obviously more updated but used materials in their design, which were in keeping with the overall feel of the spit. The recent townhouses built in the Semiahmoo Shores development also have an updated look but represent similar design care and quality.

Our primary concern is that the proposed design of Building C is not at all compatible with the existing Marin buildings, the adjoining Semiahmoo Resort, any other structures on the Semiahmoo Spit or elsewhere in the Semiahmoo community. Its design is very modern and sleek but, as such, seems out-of-place. The proximity of the surrounding buildings to this proposed project (the Resort and Marin A and B buildings) makes it impossible to separate and isolate the stark contrast in design.

Obviously the spit is a unique and very special treasure. There will only be a few more buildings built on the remaining land and care must be taken to enforce design capability with all the existing structures. Please use your authority to help work with the developer to this end.

Sincerely,

Paul and Kathryn Petersen
Owners, Marin B unit 206