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Avon roadwork near Yates

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E F-sen <erikjf0@gmail.com>
To: planning@rochesterhills.org

Tue, May 11, 2021 at 6:59 PM

Greetings,

I have reviewed the RCOC plan for the Avon/Yates road construction and wanted to offer an opinion on the retaining wall materials. The use of the concrete cast blocks may have a negative impact on the area. I think a more agreeable and functional wall can be constructed using field stone, boulders, or a number of quarried stone/block. Natural materials would be more fitting to the historic district in my opinion. Colored concrete molds are more often seen and associated with freeways and industrial areas.

People admire the natural stone retaining walls on Adams road behind Meadowbrook. The stones are a characteristic we admire and appreciate in our community. Although probably not practical to duplicate those walls in this day and age, I think we could achieve something similar with this project. For many people Avon road will be a gateway into our city. The use of modern cast concrete (synthetic stone) will date this project and detract from the historic appeal of the buildings as well as the natural beauty of the park. The use of natural stone materials could be a great enhancement and appear timeless to future generations. In contrast, the cast block at the northeast corner of Tienken + Livernois is unsightly; it would be a shame to have the Yates house and barn obscured by a similar eyesore 9 feet tall.

This project is an opportunity to contribute something functional and worthy of preservation in the future. Because the RCOC has stated they are open to suggestions from the HDC, I hope you will consider and encourage the use of natural stone wherever possible.

Thanks for your time, and continued service to our community.

respectfully,

Erik Frederiksen

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To: E F-sen <erikjf0@gmail.com>

Wed, May 12, 2021 at 7:46 AM

Hi Erik,

I will forward your email to Paul Davis, who is the contact person for the project from the City. He's the Deputy Director of DPS/Engineering.

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Have a nice day!

Maureen

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Wed, May 12, 2021 at 7:50 AM

To: Paul Davis <davispa@rochesterhills.org>

I told him I would forward his email to you, and maybe you can send it off. Or not. I don't know if the HDC needs to see it. I think the RCOC still has to go before them?

Thanks,

moe

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Wed, May 12, 2021 at 7:51 AM

To: Kristen Kapelanski <kapelanskik@rochesterhills.org>, Kristine Kidorf <kristine@kidorfpreservationconsulting.com>

Morning,

Just got this email. Would the HDC need to see it? Is the RCOC still coming for a C of A for Avon? Or just the GLWA?

Thank you!

moe

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