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CLARK DEVELOPMENT

August 21, 2017

Stephanie Clarkson
Chairwoman
Boise Historic Preservation Commission
150 Capitol Boulevard
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Case# DRH17-00338 – 5th and Idaho

Dear Chairwoman Clarkson and Members of the Commission,

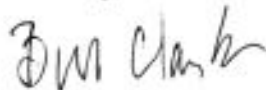
Upon reviewing this revised application, I am surprised that the applicant seems to have ignored comments from the City concerning his previous application. I hope that the Commission will firmly reject this new design.

Apparently, the applicant wants the City to treat this proposed project as a remodel in order to avoid having to abide by City downtown area policies that prohibit parking in front of new buildings. At the same time, a certificate of appropriateness to demolish the existing building is being requested. These two approaches cannot coexist. If on-site parking is provided, it should be behind, underneath the building, or somehow removed from frontage on 5th and Idaho streets..

The revised design of the building is an improvement over the previous proposal, though as mentioned above, it does not work from an urban design perspective. Also, in my opinion, the angled supports at the front of the building are a gratuitous effort to give the building some modernity inappropriate to the Historic District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Clark