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Subject: Comment on Gohkman Development Proposal

I was present at the public hearing on the proposal a few weeks ago at the Conservatory of Music. I was surprised at the strong defense Ald. Baumann expressed for the development, contrary to the best interests and wishes of the constituents who elected him. He seemed to be shilling for the developer. It was pretty unseemly and hinted at an improper agenda or motivation.

I understand that the development rights of the owner of real estate are pretty strong, even when zoning change is required, however, I wonder what assurances have already been provided to Gohkman to convince him that purchasing this property is worth the risk?

I think the Gohkman proposal for the Goll house property is not the best use of the site. The property should be preserved as an historic site with no substantial changes to the building or intensity of use. Conversion to a boutique hotel, a B&B or several subdivided residential units is more fitting.