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I am sorry that I cannot attend the Monday meeting--family dinner that I forgot about.

The expanded Shabbos house should not be built on Fuller, and any promise that was made concerning construction of a sidewalk by the Shabbos should be maintained and enforced.

It has been very difficult to maintain and enhance the residential character of McKownville--it is at confluence of ten or more major forces for change into a a "cutover" district like that found along Central Avenue. I need not list for you, of all people, the forces but here they are anyway--NanoTech, SUNYA, Harriman, Stuyvesant Plaza, Crossgates, Crossgates Commons, Thruway, Northway, Washington Avenue Extension and Western Avenue.

There can be no exemptions from these few simple rules—all residences are to be maintained as residences, no business can expand its footprint, and if at all possible all building that were once used as a residence but are presently not being used as a residence should be once again become a residence. This is the only way to ensure that McKownville is maintained as a residential neighborhood both in appearance (along Western, Fuller, Schoolhouse and McKown) and in fact. The appearance of the neighborhood from the four through roads is vital to maintaining the community as a desirable residential neighborhood.

PS: the sidewalk work in McKownville is proceeding nicely and your support has been vital and much appreciated.

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