

> To: Doug Smith, David Knight and Jim White
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> The Shabbos proposal raises many bothersome points, size, storm sewerage,
> etc.
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> But the crucial one is the University parking precedent.
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> What if the University does this again?
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> A research institute, like the Center for Financial Management (that was
> the one I headed for awhile_it does not exist anymore), decides it needs
> its own building. It buys one on Fuller, tears it down and builds another
> and the University provides it parking on the campus thereby permitting
> the Center to build out to the limits of the lot, with a 35 foot setback
> and minimal green space around its other boundaries. Sound familiar?
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> In a zoning hearing, McKownville will have lost nearly all of its leverage
> since the parking requirement has been taken away or voided or made a null
> proposition. The other parts can be easily finessed through minor
> _variances_ by the ZBA.
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> Buildings on Fuller (or Western or Norwood) can be readily purchased for
> about \$200,000 and can be easily replaced with first class institutional
> buildings.
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> The University has not expanded its campus since these institutes are not
> really part of the University, just as the Psychology Center (1535
> Western) is not part of the University but is a part of the Research
> Foundation, a private entity. As was the Center for Financial Management.
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> And what about a fraternity, a sorority, an alumni house, or a guest house
> for alumni and visiting dignitaries?
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> And how is this different than what was proposed for the _Blue House_
> property (1257 Western) which we opposed? Remember_that building was to
> have its parking on the campus as well. And the retired faculty offices
> with student classrooms was to build out to the limits of the lot and not
> really be the University but just _related_ to it as a semi-autonomous not
> for profit corporation.
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> With the Shabbos house this will be the second time the University has
> attempted to do this and maybe the University will never do this again.
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> But what if it does?
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> What are we to do?
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> What are to do about the Shabbos House proposal?
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> Is there any way to protect McKownville?
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> Any ideas?
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