

October 13, 2020

Gregory V. Hare
Director
Multi-Family Housing
Department of Housing and Community Development
7800 Harkins Road
Lanham, MD 20706

RE: Residences at Railroad Square
Brunswick, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hare,

On behalf of the Council of the City of Brunswick, I am writing in response to the recent letter dated September 17, 2020, regarding the Residences at Railroad Square application your office received.

As City officials, we are committed to the redevelopment and revitalization of our downtown corridor. For several years now, the project developers have been engaged with City officials and the community. The project currently has many steps to achieve in the site plan process, including a parking agreement. As the developers navigates the City's typical site plan approval process, city officials will intervene only where a legislative vote is required by Code and process.

City officials and residents value historic preservation and the character of the downtown area. The City has expressed, and the developer agreed, to take historical preservation into consideration as the project moves forward. We understand that the Maryland Historical Trust will review the project and any impacts on historic preservation, as a standard part of this process. The Council is committed to supporting those reviews and the decisions by the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Maryland Historical Trust on this project.

We appreciate the Department of Housing and Community Developments continued support and partnership with the City of Brunswick.

Sincerely,

Nathan Brown, Mayor