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ITEM #10: Concept Plan Review: The Flats, 607-617 MLK Jr. Blvd.; 121 Stinson St.

Council Question:

Just to clarify, the only new information in the materials provided is the updated sketch, is that right? Could you ask the applicant to provide - before the meeting so we have time to review it - a brief written narrative of the changes they have made since the last round of feedback, including on the affordable housing plan?

Applicant Response:

Height/Scale

- Height has been reduced by a minimum of one story on each elevation
- Provide Step-back at 4 stories on elevation fronting MLK Jr Blvd
- Provide Step-back at either 2 or 3 stories on elevation fronting Isley St
- Incorporated 'Stoop' concepts on lower elevations to provide a more residential architecture style as a "transition zone" for the abutting residential properties to the west

Building Mass

- Replaced 5.5 Story Parking Deck with 2 below-grade podium parking levels
- Approximately 15% reduction of overall building footprint
- Provided an open, u-shaped courtyard fully open to MLK to reduce massing along MLK and to 'engage' the MLK frontage
- Provide a 30 ft offset in bldg. footprint fronting Isley St

Project Density

• Reduce overall density by approximately 15%

<u>Parking Total</u>

Incorporated underground parking and reduced parking by +/- 100 spaces

Proximity to Adjacent Properties

Doubled the setback (35' to 70') along the north property line @ TH's

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- Increased the setback by 30 ft (Setback adjusted to 75 ft.) for 50% of the Isley St frontage at Senior Housing to the Southwest of the Building
- Note: The property to the south is a parking lot serving the senior housing structure to the SW.

Traffic on Isley and Stinson Streets

- Eliminated resident traffic by eliminating resident access to parking from Isley-Stinson Neighborhood
- Shifted vehicle (residential and delivery) access to the underground parking areas to northern end of the site