

Oak Bluffs Planning Board

From: Wendy Benkley <wbenkley3566@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:57 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board
Subject: Concern Re: Tabernacle Proposal

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I was quite distressed to learn of a recent proposal by the MVCMA board regarding an "addition" to the historic Tabernacle. I very sincerely, with respect, urge you to reject the proposal for this addition. My parents purchased one of the Campground cottages when I was nine years old, and that was 61 years ago! The cottage continues to be owned by our family and we have loved this unique and lovely place for all of these years. My grandmother met my grandfather while working at the Beatrice House which was located just outside Trinity Circle. We have attended many many activities over all of the years at the Tabernacle: Sunday services, (I often sang with the choir with my father and sister), Community Sing, pot luck dinners, art shows, concerts, etc. we even saw Bob Dylan there! I believe that at the cost of two million dollars, an addition having 1300-1400 sq feet, with 10 bathrooms, is over the top. I understand the finance committee even advised that it not be done. More importantly, a building would interfere with the historical aura of the Tabernacle and Trinity Circle.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, Wendy Larson Benkley