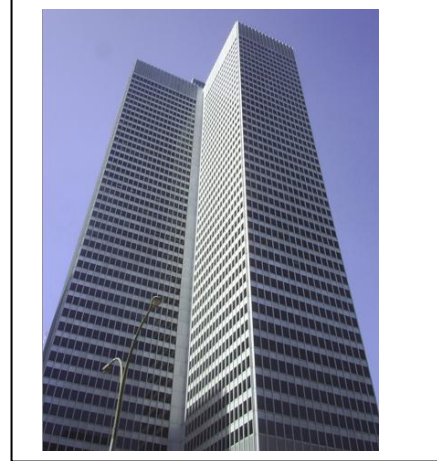


February 2008: 17 Floor Hotel Proposed for Our Neighborhood

Within the next month, the city will be considering a proposal to build a 17-floor hotel at the southeast corner of Andrews Avenue and Cypress Creek Road. The hotel would be part of large-scale development that will include retail, office space, and a restaurant. The Planning and Zoning Board will first consider the proposal at its February 11, 2008 meeting. Currently, Oakland Park does not allow hotels in that area to be taller than four floors, and the developer is seeking a waiver of that rule.



The city commission already agreed to allow a 400 room hotel to be built there, but the developer's plan is to build the tallest building in all of Oakland Park with this 17-floor hotel at the corner of our neighborhood. *This proposal has the potential to harm our neighborhood in many ways.*

First, it will be less than 500 feet from our neighborhood, severely impacting the single-family home feel of our neighborhood.

Secondly, it will be the tallest building in the city and in that area. The tallest building at that corner is 11 floors, which is the Commerce Bank Building. This building will tower over it by six additional floors!

Finally, it will spur additional development in that area, which is largely controlled by Fort Lauderdale and not Oakland Park.

Building a 17 floor hotel will allow Fort Lauderdale and other developers to come into our area and construct taller, denser buildings, which will dramatically impact the traffic and quality of life in our neighborhood. County records already show that the traffic levels on Andrews Ave in our neighborhood will become increasingly overcrowded even without all of this development. Residents, local students, and children cross Andrews at all times of the day as they go about their daily lives. Adding several tall and dense buildings will make Andrews Avenue and our neighborhood streets more crowded and less safe. We will discuss this project and its impact on our neighborhood at our next general NANA membership meeting on February 21, 2008, at 7 p.m. We also have invited the developer to discuss what exactly is being proposed. We meet at the North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center, 250 NE 56th Court. We encourage everyone to contact the commissioners to tell them that we oppose the height of this proposed building. Contact the following commissioners at: Mayor Larry Gierer: (954) 772-8385; LarryG@oaklandparkfl.org Vice Mayor Layne Walls: (954) 565-8475; laynew@oaklandparkfl.org

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