
Fw: [EXTERNAL]West Old Town Citizens Association comments for the record on BAR #2026-14 & 24

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Dear Chairman Scott and BAR members:

The West Old Town Citizens Association board of directors reviewed the staff report for BAR #2026-14 & 24, 632 N. Columbus Street. The Association is especially concerned about this proposed "pop-up" setting a precedent in this part of the neighborhood and feels that the staff report needs to be supplemented to show actual nearby examples of comparable "pop-ups". Our experience, in parts of the neighborhood not in the historic district, that a one-storey "pop-up" might, for example, block out light coming into neighbors' houses. The proposed "pop-up" is visible from the public right-of-way and could alter the historic fabric's appearance and harmony.

The West Old Town Citizens Association, accordingly, requests that the BAR continue this matter to give more opportunity for staff to research and present to the public other nearby examples of comparable "pop-ups" so the BAR, the citizens association membership and board, and the public can give it due consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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