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I live at The Venue on 211 Montgomery Street and am concerned about the currently proposed parking at the new development.

With all of the new development that has already been approved in Old Town North, I am concerned that the currently proposed parking will not be sufficient to handle the parking within the new Montgomery center creating an additional burden on the already limited street parking.

I ask that you consider requiring a 3rd level of underground parking at the new Montgomery Center.

Thank you.

Larry FitzGerald

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Commenting on the proposed development of Montgomery Center.

First, applaud the design for being visually appealing and having open spaces not closed off to pedestrians.

Second, hard to complain about the height with the two not so lovely tall buildings nearby, but it would be nice if the planning commission didn't say yes to every special use permit - height/density - arts for less parking etc.

Density in Old Town North is an issue going forward it is getting pretty high already. Old Town North is becoming less like Old Town and more like Arlington -- less resident friendly and ugly.

Concern

Parking

406 parking spaces to accommodate residents, retail and event workers, customers for retail and patrons for events? Seems very short sited -- the reality is that people **will** need/have cars to live/work and attend events at Montgomery Center and Metro Stage at the Venue. Parking is needed.

901 N Pitt - does not have enough parking spaces for its residences (266), retail space and art space. (By the way a building that is not aesthetically appealing building.)

People who work at these places need a place to park as well. Lobby attendants, maintenance, housekeeping, security, restaurant owners workers etc.

It is one thing to take public transportation during the day time, but at night or in bad weather not easy. Plus there are sections of Alexandria that do not have access to public transportation that would easily get them to Montgomery Center (Duke Street, Carlyle area, Del Ray, Rosemount, Potomac Yard etc..).

Add more parking make it paid parking, but add more parking. Ok to charge for street parking -- totally understand. Plan for parking now.

Question -- If electrical wires are going underground for Montgomery Center would it make sense to bury them underground on the block boarding Montgomery Park? The wires are underground the next block up from the park in front of the dry cleaners and the school.

Thanks, Meg Casey N. Fairfax