

Public comment received for 1706-10 Walnut Street



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Hi,

While land use may not be in the purview of this commission, it should be noted how unambitious this is proposal is. In the heart of Rittenhouse Square, I'd have hoped for something more than a 2 story building with no housing included. At least the beer garden was open to the public and allowed people to gather and have fun and socialize. It hardly seems worth it to replace the current use of the site with something that is objectively a low form of its heavy potential, especially since it's renderings aren't all that visually interesting to begin with.

Thank you,
John Walsh

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Hi, Allyson,

Public comment for the pending Architectural Committee hearing:

My notes from after the fire are that the Phila Historical Commission required the owners of the buildings to scan and to recreate the exteriors upon rebuilding, using the scans and salvaged materials since all three structures are on the local register and listed as contributing to the Rittenhouse/Fitler Residential Historic District.

Jerry Roller's design for a new building seems very pleasant and might be just fine considering all circumstances, but as an attorney who has practiced administrative law for a long time, I think that the PHC should address the issue of the prior requirement of salvage and scanning. I don't see it addressed in your otherwise fine summary.

I'd appreciate an email confirming this email has been received.

Thank you

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