

The Planning "professionals" on the Planning Board have done much to create the mess we are in; they have rubber-stamped overdevelopment, allowed little or no meaningful input from the public, and done little or nothing to promote development that would reduce or ease the increasing traffic burden on the city. Increased traffic has made this city much less pleasurable to live in, especially given the DPW's ineptitude in regard to upkeep of the roads. I travel Sherman Street by bicycle most days of the week. The pothole-filled state of this road is an utter disgrace. The bone-jarring experience of riding on Sherman Street is a daily reminder of the failure of the City at managing development and all of its consequences. We need something different.

We can no longer afford to leave the development of a Master Plan in the hand of the Planning Board by itself.

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