

Council Meeting

April 27, 2015

I am a Bible reading woman, which may surprise some who know me and some who think that nobody in Cambridge reads the Bible anymore, but I am a Bible reading woman.

And speaking in Biblical language, the proposed Twining Building is an abomination.

It is too high, 19 stories, 2 1/2 times the height allowed and it does not serve the people of Central Square, its neighbors, who oppose it for that reason. It also doesn't serve the many **low and moderate income people** of Cambridge who need housing. Why do we ignore our friends and neighbors?

For as the Prophet Amos said: "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

Now, turning to Ecclesiastes, the wisdom poet: "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun," and frankly, speaking in my own tongue, this is the time to deep six the present Twining Petition and let it expire without a vote.

This, now, is also a time to speak, not be silent, ^{about} the Council meeting two weeks ago, which, as reported in Cambridge Day, sounded like a violent verbal brawl. I can think of a reason for unseemly activity exerted by and on Councilors at this time, and it has to do with the pre-election season.

I am reasonably sure that Twining building proponents, on the Council or off, want to get rid of this hot potato before any possible Council changes defeat the current Twining buiding petition.

However, this cuts both ways. People who vote, like me, want to see just which Councilors are voting for this abomination, and I am sure we will remember those names on election day. I am sorry it has come to this, and we are not "In Community" as Alice Heller would have us be.

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