

## **Mission Helper Development: Update**

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Neighbors: Here is an update on the status of the proposed Mission Helper development.

On September 2, the senior lawyer for the developer Chestnut Partners (Rob Hoffman at Venable) met with me and Herb O'Conor (628 Chestnut) to present the development plan that they intended to file the following week, and to hear our concerns. Special thanks to Herb for facilitating the meeting. The plan Hoffman presented was basically the same as shown at the last Zoom meeting in March, i.e., six buildings, 40 units, 80 residents, traffic spilling out on Chestnut. Herb and I made specific suggestions for alternative approaches and offered both legal and historical arguments for why Chestnut Partners should seek the neighbors' consent for any plan. Rob said he would confer with his clients and get back to us.

Today, Rob informed me that Chestnut Partners is holding off on filing its proposal while they consider further the points raised at our September 2 meeting. This is a good development, but it could be short-lived. In the meantime, with the help of several of you, we are continuing to (a) prepare a multi-faceted opposition to the plan, and (b) lobby county officials about the process to follow if the plan is filed.

I will keep you updated but please call or email with any questions or comments.

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