



October 18, 2010

Pastor John Buchanan  
Mr. Martin Sherrod  
Fourth Presbyterian Church  
126 East Chestnut Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

RE: Project Second Century

Dear Pastor Buchanan and Mr. Sherrod,

We are grateful to Fourth Presbyterian Church for allowing us to be a part of the review process for this new addition to the Church. We recognize and applaud all the work that Fourth Presbyterian does in the community and that your success has led to the need for more facility space.

SOAR appreciates many design elements that are present in the new building. The patina copper exterior ties the new with the old and creates a linkage to the Church. In SOAR's efforts to have Streeterville be the greenest neighborhood in Chicago, we appreciate the LEED certification level of construction and all the green features of the contemporary design. Overall, we believe this proposed addition will work compatibly in the neighborhood.

We do however have a few concerns regarding the project which center on the proposed loading dock as well as traffic management during construction and in the future.

Delaware Street is currently an extremely high trafficked street with many heavy users. Your new loading dock will bring additional vehicles and uses to this street exacerbating the problem. There must be a plan for traffic management and enforcement in this block with coordination between all buildings so the traffic keeps flowing and everyone's needs are satisfied. This must be in place before the project is approved.

Traffic plans and lane closures during the construction period are also concerns. Removing lanes on busy Delaware St. and having the construction vehicles traveling on Michigan Avenue is not ideal and ongoing review should be done to adjust and accommodate as needed.

SOAR is always concerned about the pedestrian experience and requests that the loading dock design be reviewed carefully. The loading dock should be disguised as much as possible so that it blends with the building and streetscape and the beauty of Delaware Street is not compromised.

SOAR supports the proposed plans for the new Fourth Presbyterian Church building but asks that you work closely with your neighbors to address the above concerns.

We look forward to watching the progress of this project and to one day helping you celebrate the completion of this new addition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail A. Spreen".

Gail A. Spreen  
Immediate Past-President  
Chair, Neighbors Action Task Force

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