

Time to right the wrong - Fire Station 1

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

While on the historic preservation board, I argued that destroying the South Shore Community Center building for the out of scale proposed Fire house 1 was wrong for two very basic reasons:

1. Destroying this still useful South Shore Community Building is wrong, an act against the community and ignores its historic importance and compatibility to its surrounding neighborhood.

The HPB members were told over and over that we had no choice but to agree with the demolition because the commission had already made that determination. Our role turned to design and compatibility.

The proposed design is a slap in the face the surrounding neighborhood. The fire station pays no respect to the surrounding close residential buildings. Beyond the noise generated, there will be strong fire truck lights shining into residential units. The elevation of the truck docks are completely out of scale to its surrounding buildings.

2. The fire station is more suitable and useful on a wider street. These large trucks require great maneuverability and the ability to drive past stopped cars. A stopped car on 6th or Meridian could cause a fatal delay in reaching their destination.

Therefore, I suggest, Alton Road, 1260 Washington or Terminal Island as much better locations.

Please right this wrong.

Respectfully,

Barry Klein