

CSSP continues commitment

To the Editor:

The Committee to Save St. Paul's was organized with the following objectives in mind: 1) save the main building that is a priceless treasure; 2) provide meaningful historical renovation; 3) provide quality community space in the building; 4) have no or minimal additional development; and 5) retain Village control, and last but not least, do so at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers of this Village.

As a group of concerned citizens, funded and staffed by volunteers, with the active support of hundreds of residents, we partnered with leading professionals and an experienced developer, and submitted a proposal to the Village that met all of our objectives. We wanted our proposal to be wholly "transparent" to the residents and made countless public and private presentations, established a website, and had open and honest communication with all. The Mayor's Subcommittee did not select our proposal, but we continue to remain active as advocates for development that would serve the best interests of the taxpayers who purchased the site and building and who retain ownership.

In light of the above, the Committee to Save St. Paul's commends Trustee Mauk for resigning as a leader and member of the Subcommittee, and we hope he will be true to his word, that by stepping aside, he removes himself from further decisions regarding an AvalonBay redevelopment of St. Paul's.

The Committee to Save St. Paul's will continue its efforts, and welcomes the input and support of our fellow residents and concerned Village officials.

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