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Lloyd Jordan, Chairman
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Sir:

The addition of the traditional mansard roof with gable dormers is in character for the original era of the neighborhood.

The existing structure, because it is repeat design of the interior houses, does not appropriately address its prominence on the corner. Typically, corner structures of this era would anchor the corner with some type of architectural element such as a turret or vertical element. (See attached photos of corner structures within a few blocks of this building.)

In the proposed design, a mansard roof is used and is offset from the main body of the building at the corner to help anchor and announce the block. By changing materials and using architectural elements like gable dormers, cornices and ornament, the new roof of the corner building inserts itself within the existing character and scale of the neighborhood.

Thank you,

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