

October 1, 2020

Historic Preservation Commission
401 S. Meridian St.
Lebanon, IN 46052

RE: Project 'Alley Oop'

Dear Commission:

Please consider this our letter of support for the 'Alley Oop' project currently under your review.

As small-business owners and life-long residents of our great City, we wish to begin by expressing our enthusiasm for the many noticeable changes taking place in our community. From our parks, to our biking amenities, our hometown continues to transform; and yet for us, it has never lost its luster or sense of charm. We enjoy photographing many of Lebanon's city-wide events, especially those during the holiday seasons; as well as, iconic sites including our Herr Cabin, courthouse, clock and dome. These are all points of interest unique to Lebanon with distinctive value.

Having said that, the proposed 'Alley Oop' project for the alley between the Lacy Boggs Optometry business and the County Offices, perfectly depicts Lebanon's rich history in the sport of basketball. The design's characteristics are memorable offering the potential to become a City landmark while still maintaining the classic authenticity preserved throughout the City's historical district. For these reasons, we enthusiastically support adding such a distinctive attraction to our downtown and are looking forward to the many photo opportunities it will bring to the area.

(As a side note, if we could make any suggestions, it would be with regard to the round concrete bollards situated at the street for parking. The shape of these alone invites further consideration for incorporating them into the general theme of the design - perhaps adding an etching that resembles the grip lines on a basketball subtly drawing, not only one's eye, but also one's curiosity for the love of a game that made legends in Lebanon.)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike + Makada Love". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first names clearly legible.

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