



August 24, 2021

Thomas Boyd  
Via email: [bigtomsshop@gmail.com](mailto:bigtomsshop@gmail.com)

**RE: Big Tom's Barbershop – TomTom24 Development, LLC**

Dear Mr. Boyd:

On behalf of the Hill District's Development Review Panel (DRP), and the Hill CDC as the Registered Community Organization (RCO), we offer this letter of support to you based on the April 2021 submission for the Big Tom's Barbershop – TomTom24 Development, LLC proposal. Details about this submission can be found at [www.hilldistrict.org/bigtomsbarbershop](http://www.hilldistrict.org/bigtomsbarbershop).

**The DRP is the Hill District's unified and comprehensive community review process that gives every Hill District resident a voice in the redevelopment of their neighborhood. It is a partnership with six (6) Hill District Community Based Organizations: Hill Community Development Corporation (Hill CDC), Hill District Education Council (HDEC), Hill District Ministers Alliance (HDMA), Uptown Partners, Hill District Consensus Group (HDCG) and the Center that Cares that streamlines community level review while assuring transparency and sufficient community feedback.**

The mission of the Hill CDC is to work in partnership with residents and stakeholders to create, promote, and implement strategies and programs that connect plans, policies, and people to drive compelling community development opportunities in the Greater Hill District. The Hill CDC is responsible for facilitating the implementation of the Greater Hill District Master Plan, specifically addressing any community concerns regarding redevelopment and economic opportunities in the area. As part of our role, we staff and facilitate the DRP process.

**The Hill CDC is also the Registered Community Organization (RCO) for the Greater Hill District, the boundaries of which are defined by the Greater Hill District Master Plan (GHDMP).** In agreement with our commitment to the Hill District's unified community review process, we do not issue independent letters on development proposals and have integrated the DRP with the RCO regulatory requirements. **Per the RCO Ordinance, the DRP is our community's "orderly and democratic means for forming representative public input," and is our "clear method for reporting to the city, actions which accurately reflect the community's position."** This process ensures transparency and sufficient implementation of community vision and goals.

The Big Tom's Barbershop – TomTom24 Development, LLC proposal scored a cumulative **89% - B** at the DRP and community review levels. **In order to receive a letter of support a proposal must receive a minimum cumulative score of 80%. Accordingly, your score indicates that the plan sufficiently aligns with the Greater Hill District Master Plan and has received community support.** As such, we wish you the best in your development endeavors and look forward to supporting this development project.

We would also like to add the following **feedback** received from the community on the scorecards from the Development Activities Meeting (DAM) held in August 2021 to guide your project:

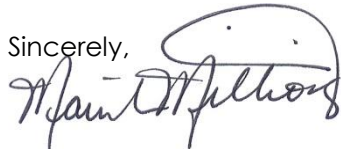
- Congrats, Tom!
- I am concerned about parking, I realize that the renters will have parking but usually people from the Hill will park and go to town or other places. Will there available parking for customers to the barber shop and visitors to apartments. How will you make sure it is not abused?

- I remember this site before it was Hamm's. It was a drug store where u could buy anything from ice cream cones to medicine. At Easter-time, baby chicks (peeps) were displayed (to b purchased) in the window on the center ave side. the opportunity to have this young man b a part of the revitalization of Kirkpatrick/center ave is so refreshing. I want to spend the last quarter of my life in this environment. Thank you HCDC for using your talents to make this endeavor
- He's a staple of our neighborhood
- It's well deserved this corner has been vacant too long, it would be so nice to come around center avenue to a beautiful building.
- Is there going to also be a barber school in the building?
- This is a great project and much needed for the Centre Avenue business corridor.
- Very strong Team
- Excellent plan.
- Hope it gets a good score
- Good project for centre avenue
- I'm in favor of black owned businesses in the Hill
- Parking is still going to be an issue and people will park where people live.

**Lastly, we do request that you keep the DRP updated on the progress of the project, such as funding awards, start of construction, significant milestones, as well as any changes to the project.** These updates should be emailed to Felicity Williams, Programs and Policy Manager at [fwilliams@hilldistrict.org](mailto:fwilliams@hilldistrict.org) when they are available. If a change is significant, the DRP may request that you attend a DRP meeting to give an updated presentation.

Congratulations again!

Sincerely,



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President and CEO

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Greg Flisram, URA  
Daniel Gilman, Mayor's Office  
City Councilman Daniel Lavelle  
State Representative Jake Wheatley  
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