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**ARENA PARKING GARAGE  
PROJECT NARRATIVE**

The proposed changes to the Arena Parking Garage are delineate on the presentation board dated 5/6/08, which represents our response to comments made by commission members at the 4/8/08, hearing on the project. Our previous design represented on the board dated 4/8/08, was categorized as "pretty generic", which we have interpreted as lacking architectural detail.

That said, we are offering for the Planning Commission members consideration, the alternate design dated 5/6/08, which enhances the precast spandrels using a combination of stylized architectural reveals, and the use of two (2) contrasting finish mixtures. This treatment will be primarily on façade spandrels which face south, as viewed from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Further, at point that represents 1/3 one-third of the facades length, and a point that this building will align with Magee Street, we have reversed the color treatment on one vertical bay of spandrels, slightly increase the adjacent column heights, to create a visual gateway. However, it is important to point out; people would be viewing this façade from approximately 330 feet away. In addition, we are planning similar, but, limited treatments on spandrels two bays across fronting north along Centre Avenue.

The alternate design we are proposing would compliment many of the design, colors and finish textures that are being proposed by HOK Sports for the New Arena facility. This design will offer a cost effective, maintenance free, as well, a permanent solution that would be less likely to receive abuse by youthful event goers, thus lessening the potential of liability.

Sincerely

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