

StoneBrook Academy – Architectural Review
Comments from Commissioner Brauer

Tim & Patrick,

I will not be there for the meeting on June 1, so these comments probably do not matter. This is still not there. For such a prime site in the COR, visible from the road, we want something that will attract attention. This sketch reminds me of the old saying, “You can put lipstick on a pig, but it is still a pig.” “Think outside the box” may be the most overused phrase we have, but in this case, it fits. It also brings up a point I made many years ago about the architecture in the COR. Every building should strive to be an architectural award winner and if they win an award—or are even good enough to be nominated for one—we should reward them. It is time we stopped settling for second best and good enough. Let us take pride in our city.

FYI, just Google “daycare design” and you will see some great buildings that are boxes, but well done. Also, GSA publishes a neat pamphlet on designing daycare centers. It is mostly about interiors, but has some nice illustrations of what can be done. The saying in education has always been that daycare centers should not “warehouse” kids. This is a warehouse and does not send a positive message to potential clients or the city.