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FYI

*Take care,*

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I have read community comments for and against the hotel. It appears inevitable that the hotel will happen. All concerned show how they care about our town and I am told the owner wants to do something to benefit Lyons. So let's make the best of it. The concerns generally are about practicalities, effect on the town, especially businesses, and appearance.

The practicalities like parking and fire protection will get worked out because they must.

There could be some negotiating in the planning with our businesses. Perhaps there should be limits in features of the hotel that will not create competition. Maybe limit food service such as a cafe and bar food for the benefit of guests, and see what develops. Maybe not allow a gift shop, instead having displays featuring the gift shops that make up much of main street etc. Maybe something that could also inform guests of the other interesting public and more private opportunities in town.

Design is what interests me most. The drawing I have seen is amazing in its lack of appeal, hardly the boutique concept touted. Not at all in character with Lyons, foreboding. It reminds me of the old Scottish mining factories and Dublin row houses or tenements. Main Street stone architecture has some of that old western character that could be incorporated. Or personally I think picking up on the Victorian or Queen Anne style of some of the homes would be fitting and attractive. Historically, stone has been used in these styles too. Perhaps the bar/limited food service could include a veranda on the street and other unique features.

It does seem the person behind the hotel has not been very creative in imaging what this could be, nor in her understanding of the people of Lyons. I think the key to creating something that the community could support and be a delightful visitor destination would be engaging a creative architect and involving the towns people as

much as possible.

This could be both a great opportunity and community effort if leadership steps up and the people stay positively involved.

Annie Mannering