

Nov. 15, 2021



Ms. Cynthia Wallquist, M.P.A
Director of Community Services
City Hall-133 William Street Rm 220
New Bedford MA 02740

RE: Request for Comments -Case #4486 – Temple Landing II (TLII)

Dear Cynthia:

This communication is in response to the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities' (CCWD) request to review the Temple Landing II Project being presented to the Zoning Board. The project itself looks to meet the ADA code requirements. There are 27 units shown and they are providing a total of 16 parking spaces, four of which are HDCP accessible.

The main entry to the new residential building is on the opposite side from parking area and that entry located on Middle Street adjacent to the parking area for the Community Center. This is going to cause greater use of the Community Center for visitors that may be using wheelchairs or have mobility issues that need adjacent parking, curb cuts and accessible pathways.

The Community Center currently does not have the HDCP parking spaces and curb cuts required of it. The added unit count of TLII will exacerbate this. Also, there are limited curb cuts around the Temple Landing housing site that should simultaneously be considered and provided. These will need street crosswalk graphics to warn drivers of on-site pathways. Perhaps speed bumps might also be added. I have added an aerial photo of the site with the required and suggested remedies to bring Temple Landing into compliance and to become a safer community for all pedestrians living at or visiting the site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Blair G. Shanklin', is written over a horizontal line.

Blair G. Shanklin
Consultant to the CCWD

