

To: Westfield Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals

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Re: 1401-SE-01 Special Exception Use Conditions

The Grand Junction Task Group has met with Brian Ewen and reviewed his efforts to improve the property at 124 East Main Street in Downtown Westfield. We support his project for the following reasons:

1. Although Mr. Ewen's proposed use does not entirely fit within the character of uses that we envision on Main Street in the future, we support the fact that he will be establishing a functioning business on the property that will have regular hours and that will generate new commercial activity in the downtown area for the immediate future.
2. Mr. Ewen's proposed business will not be a standard used car lot but, instead, will focus on unique and interesting vehicles. There will be no large signs, flags and/or banners that will draw attention to the property. The vehicles themselves will be the draw.
3. Mr. Ewen has been diligent in complying with the existing Special Exception Use Conditions that he is able to meet and/or that are feasible. The improvements that he has already made to the property are tasteful and of quality.
4. We agree with Mr. Ewen that his efforts to delineate the boundary of his property vis-à-vis the alleyway is a better solution than the condition to build a curb.
5. We agree with Mr. Ewen that the condition of placing a fairly large evergreen tree adjacent to the alleyway and Main Street/SR 32 does not make sense because it will interfere with sight lines at that corner.
6. Mr. Ewen is a resident of Westfield and is heavily invested in the community. He also has extensive experience in the automotive industry. We feel that the economic stability he represents will have a positive effect on the downtown.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our comments.