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More input wanted on Huron project

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The **Buffalo Planning Board** has tabled its vote on a proposal to renovate the historic former Hotel Huron into apartments.

The decision to table its vote after the planning board, during its meeting Tuesday morning, heard a number of concerns from residents who neighbor the W. Huron Street project. Many of those concerns centered on parking and lack of input from the neighbors.

The planning board may vote on the project next month.

Kissling Interests, which has a deep resume of renovating older properties and turning them into residential units and lofts, is proposing to renovate the long-vacant three-story building into eight, market-rate apartments. Kissling has retained **Carmina Wood & Morris**, a Buffalo architecture and engineering firm, to handle the project.

Jon Morris, a principal in the firm, said the circa 1880s building will house one one-bedroom apartment and seven two-bedroom units.

The project carries a \$1.1 million development price tag.

The Buffalo Preservation Board has already approved the project.

Morris said he wants to meet with the project's neighbors to discuss the development plans.

"We want to be good neighbors," he said.

The development of the former Hotel Huron has been discussed for a number of years by various groups. The Kissling Interests proposal is the first solid plan to emerge.

"We'd all love to see this building come back," said Cynthia Schwartz, a Buffalo Planning Board member.