

## FORUM PHI | To the Starwood Homeowners Association Board

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### Starwood Homeowners Association Board

121 Stewart Drive  
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Starwood Board,

I would like to take a moment to comment on the excellent work that Mark Noel has been doing. We at Forum Phi have three projects: a new build, a larger scale remodel, and a minor remodel. Three very different reviews which Mark has expertly coached us through and helped us to gain approval while advocating for the neighbors and Starwood as a whole. He has been available, knowledgeable, and incredibly responsive.

I am impressed with Mark's constructive attitude to problem solving. He has the uncanny ability to see design issues from multiple angles, understanding the intent of the applicant, the Starwood rules and regulations, and concerns of the neighbors simultaneously; and with that understanding then helps us to find practical solutions which all parties can agree to. While we haven't always felt like our Clients have come out on top, I do feel that we have been treated fairly and equitably, and we know it is the nature of compromise that neither party feels completely satisfied after all.

Finally, I would like to comment on the general enthusiasm that I have seen in the Starwood neighborhood. Over the years I have done very few projects in that area because it was generally known that the development process was arbitrary and unreliable. Since Mark's arrival confidence has been returning, real estate agents are more positive in their sales pitches, prices are increasing, and confidence is returning to the design community. I think Mark is one of the top contributors to the positive market movement, helping Starwood to the level of desirability that it deserves.

Thank you,



Steev Wilson

