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Hello all,

As an immigrant, female, and minority small business owner, you can best believe that I have a hard time understanding how DC expects to attract growth for people like me and yet leave them to fend for themselves. To say I am disappointed would be a considerable understatement.

I am following up on the meeting from last night, as there were several points that were addressed that were either incorrectly stated or completely glossed over. If you had met with us and heard our thoughts prior to any of these meetings or actions, you would have heard:

The dropping of the Historic Preservation bid had nothing to do with any work SWNA did; rather, it was addressed by Greg Keagle, Jason Lam and myself with the assistance of Michael Bekesha of Judicial Watch over the course of several months. SWNA's involvement was to submit an application for Historic Preservation, against the wishes of the constituents for whom they are supposedly supposed to advocate and represent. Even before it was submitted and we had a meeting stating that we were against the submission, they submitted it, somehow "unaware" that they did not have support. This is not the first time in recent years that SWNA undertook an unpopular stance and tried to push something on its community. Starting in 2017 and ending in February of 2019, it considered an application for the Old Southwest Historic Preservation District but was hugely unpopular with SouthWest residents and subsequently dropped.

Further, its keeps being mentioned that the houses on South Capitol Street luckily were saved as they are historic. Based on the guidelines set forth, these homes are NOT considered historic, with considerable documentation to prove. This note is why the Historic Preservation Office encouraged SWNA to drop its application in the spring of this year.

Another interesting note was that we had “no homeless or human waste” in our immediate area. We have sent COUNTLESS videos and photos of the evidence, as well as of people lying in their own vomit, feces and often with tourniquets and needles still in their arms.

SWNA has been so worried about preserving the homes adjacent to our properties, that they left them open to vagrants, animals, drugs, squatting and sexual activity, not to mention the overgrowth, trash, contaminated drug items and graffiti. Those emails and photos continue to remain unanswered.

Lastly, as a 14 year property owner on South Capitol Street SW, I am putting this out there again to have on record that despite all the ANC declarations that they worked closely with community, they somehow again neglected to mention that the 3 property owners most affected by the construction plans of 1319 South Capitol Street SW were never consulted, despite our numerous requests to be included in meetings- all documented in calls, texts and emails to most of the people on this list. There was another meeting with SWNA and JAG recently, to which again, we were neither invited nor consulted. We understand that our opinions may not be upheld, but clearly, as decisions continue to be made on our “behalf”, that the people elected to represent us, are tone deaf on what its constituents actually care about. Charles Allen has been the only person to respond to emails and meet with us to discuss concerns, as he understands our communication has been largely ineffective with the ANC.

We know that the ANC positions are elected volunteer positions, and for this undertaking, we thank and appreciate you all. We ask, however, that you look beyond your personal assumptions and consider the lives of people that are actually being affected greatly.

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Subject: Tonight's meeting

To All—

I am unaware of the exact process in which I need to follow in order to be able to speak about the proposed design 1319 South Capitol St SW. I can't submit exactly what I would like to say because I am unaware of what is going to be discussed and how to react to the unknown. I do know issues that should be concerning to everyone. Here are some facts:

1. The President of SWNA, Donna Purchase, wrote in an email just two weeks ago that SWNA had requested a shadow analysis survey for this project, but one was not attached in the report received from Jefferson Apartment Group.
2. On September 29 Greg Van Wie from JAG sent in a text to my neighbor Sheila Samaddar, "ok we have a shadow study we can share."
3. The shadow study that was sent from JAG has a date of October 6, 2020.
4. I asked to see the original Shadow Study, the one I thought they had done prior to October 6.
5. On October 9 Greg Van Wie said that the shadow study they provided was their "initial" study.
6. I had my own study done because I felt the one commissioned by JAG did not adequately show the severe effect their building has on us.

Now I am constantly guilty of spelling errors and grammar mistakes, partly because I was never good at English and partly because I do most writing from my iPhone. I will take Greg at his word that the shadow study they provided was their "initial" study, but my question is why was none never done until we asked for one while actively being requested by SWNA? I am pleading to my ANC to think about those who were here before the stadium, before development, us, the residents and property owners of Southwest.

Thanks

Greg

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