

July 26, 2021

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RE: Plan Amendment Case #: NPA-2021-0026.01 and Zoning Case #: C14-2021-0039

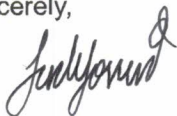
I hereby formally request that the planning commission meeting scheduled for July 27th regarding Plan Amendment Case #: NPA-2021-0026.01 and Zoning Case #: C14-2021-0039 be postponed to the September 14th Planning Commission Meeting to allow sufficient time for neighborhood/developer meetings and proper engagement and understanding of neighborhood residents.

The purpose of the postponement is to allow the developer, Thrower Design, to follow through with the request and agreement to meet with the neighborhood residents that remains unmet. We did not anticipate or desire to request an additional postponement and are grateful for the approval of the prior postponement request. However, after scheduling challenges, we scheduled a neighborhood meeting for the evening of July 22nd in order to ensure we held true to our promise to invite the developer to meet with the neighborhood before the PC meeting. Victoria, the developers representative on the case, unapologetically declined to attend, stating she had another meeting during this time. Given that the developer was the one to initially request to be invited to a neighborhood meeting to hear resident concerns, we thought they actually cared to hear our thoughts, questions and concerns. The neighborhood group still met during this time. As a collective we have an overwhelming sense of belittlement and being dismissed, powerless and even furthermore overlooked in simply being heard and given time to learn what the plans are for the development that has a direct impact on our lives. Therefore, as the people who live here, we are seeking the respect, acknowledgement and time to meet prior to any further proceedings on this case.

In addition, I would like to inform you of reports from residents contacting city staff (a week in advance) to submit statements on this matter and being told that it was too late for statements to be added to this case. This is extremely alarming and downright terrifying to wonder how many others have attempted to reach out and were hit with misleading, discouraging and implied rejected responses. It is important that staff is reminded that this case still has to go to city council and therefore any statements, even after the planning commission meeting, are able to and should be included in the case packet. Responding to Austin citizens in a manner that is discouraging, misleading and without appropriate disclosure or guidance of the procedural process is unacceptable. This further alludes to unfortunate systemic injustices to the detriment of the common city residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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