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Subject: 1919 Wayne Street - June 3rd Planning Meeting

Dear Ann Arbor City planning commission

My wife Sonia and I are the current owners of the house on 1919 Wayne Street.

In this note I would like to address two questions that you had asked me at the City Planning Commission meeting on June 3rd, 2014. In addition I will outline some observations related the dealing of the Oxbridge Neighborhood Association (ONA).

Questions asked by the City Planning Commission:

- The petitioners, I will refer to them as Jesuits, provided the first offer. As we accepted that offer we took the house off the market when the offer was pending. I'm not sure why a City planning commission would ask in a public hearing whether we have a back-up offer.
- The City Planning commission further asked whether we would continue to wait for the Jesuits to receive approval of their petition. I believe that is not your business at all and should not be asked because it significantly interferes with third parties interests – in this case mine.

ONA:

- We have been members of the ONA since shortly after our move into the neighborhood more than 10 years ago. We paid our dues and regularly received emails from ONA.
- However we did not receive the invitation to the ONA membership meeting on May, 13, 2014; apparently one of 3 agenda items was the pending sale of our house. Somebody must have removed us from the distribution list from that point onwards.
- My wife Sonia heard about the meeting and contacted Chris Larson, one of the 2 presidents of ONA about the meeting on May 13. My wife also suggested to her that one of the Jesuits, Father Dan could attend the meeting to introduce the Jesuits and to address questions such as parking and the rationale for the request. That proposal was turned down.
- We never received any minutes from the meeting. Members in attendance apparently took a vote and decided to spend ONA membership due to hire an attorney; I don't know whether future communication was even discussed at the meeting.
- We don't believe that members that were not in attendance were ever informed about the decision to hire an attorney. Communication seem to have occurred only with ONA members that were in support of the vote.
- Chris Larson, the president of ONA, called my wife to give her a verbal update about the ONA May 13 meeting. She did not mention that there was a vote nor did she

mention that ONA membership dues are being used to hire an attorney in this matter. I can only speculate about the purpose of the call.

- To our knowledge post May 13 there was no further email by ONA about progress on this matter to the membership body.

During the session Elizabeth Papp Kamali expressed a concern about ONA's handling of this matter. My observations as outlined above strengthen that concern. I have no reason to believe that ONA is representing the collective views of our neighbors in this matter. At this point in time ONA appears to be a dysfunctional group that is not operating according to their bylaws and is creating a divisive environment in our neighborhood.

I'm copying the 2 presidents of ONA, Chris Larson and Paul Morel; and Elizabeth Papp Kamali; plus our 2 City Council members Jane Lumm and Shelly Peterson on this note. I'm hopeful that this situation will help the neighborhood association to rethink and restart themselves versus just continuing with the current operating mode.

Thanks for your time.

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