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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** Barrett, Jon <JBarrett@a2gov.org>  
**Cc:** Vander Lugt, Kristen <KVanderLugt@a2gov.org>; Alan Harnik <alanharnik@provide.net>  
**Subject:** Re: ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street - Question about Postponement of this case to June mtg

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Attending the broadcast of the ZBA meeting this evening (via computer), I just heard that the Petitioner (Burroughs on behalf of McKinley) has asked for a postponement of this case to the Zoning Board's mid-June meeting. The Petitioner's request appears to have been made right **IN today's meeting**. The timing raises really worrying questions about **why** -- at this 12th hour -- the Petitioner is suddenly asking for more time?

What is to prevent the Petitioner -- who has now undoubtedly read all the several neighbors' letters opposed to the appeal for the variance -- posted in total just this very mid-afternoon -- from **altering the verbal appeal** to deal with the very particular points raised in writing in local residents' letters?

Of course, the Petitioner must surely have read all those letters in the days Friday-Monday/today in order to be able to address the letter-writers' concerns in his 5-minute presentation in today's meeting. But the coming month **could give** the Petitioner more time to work out a 5-minute presentation for June's meeting that would be more tailored to residents' objections -- and thus of course stronger for his/his client's appeal. Whereas the letter-writers' knowledge of what the Petitioner's arguments **is still limited solely to the PDF of the Petitioners' original appeal**.

I know the members of the Zoning Board are dedicated to giving Petitioners AND Respondents an equally fair hearing. But the structure of these meetings nevertheless **seems to give the Petitioners a very unfair advantage**. I would be grateful for your appraisal of this situation.

With thanks as always for your help and all best wishes,

Gillian Feeley-Harnik and Alan Harnik  
# 4 Ridgeway Street

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 5:18 PM Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Hi Gillian,

Attached is the updated agenda.

Thank you,

Kristen

**From:** Gillian Feeley-Harnik <[gfharnik@umich.edu](mailto:gfharnik@umich.edu)>  
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**Subject:** Re: ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street on Agenda for today's mtg

Dear Kristen,

Thanks so much!!! All best wishes, Gillian

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)> wrote:

We have received communication from both of those senders. I'll be sure to send over the updated agenda this afternoon.

Thanks,

Kristen

**From:** Gillian Feeley-Harnik <[gfharnik@umich.edu](mailto:gfharnik@umich.edu)>  
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**Subject:** Re: ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street on Agenda for today's mtg

Hi again Kristen,

Thanks for letting me know that Harold Borkin's letter will be going in. Since Friday, you should also have gotten one from Tucker and Ross and possibly also from Kamaly.

Many thanks again, Gillian

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 2:24 PM Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Hi Gillian,

Yes- thank you for checking in about it. I was informed of the letter from Harold Borkin after the agenda was published on Friday and it will be published with the agenda this afternoon.

Thank you,

Kristen

**From:** Gillian Feeley-Harnik <[gfharnik@umich.edu](mailto:gfharnik@umich.edu)>  
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**Subject:** Re: ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street on Agenda for today's mtg

Dear Kristen,

Thanks so much for sending me this link directly! I now realize that the "Attachments" in the **Agenda - item H-1** were meant to be clickable. But when I click first to get to the Agenda itself, I get the PDF, and item H-1 Attachments is no longer clickable. So thanks for sending me the direct link, which I'll pass on to the neighbors I know.

Also: among the letters that came in BEFORE last Friday (listed under H-1), **Harold Borkin's letter** is not listed under H-1, nor is it in the Attachments you just sent. Could it have gotten left out by accident?

And thanks for letting me know that anything that came in AFTER Friday will be listed this afternoon. That's great, because there should be at least 2 of those.

Many thanks again for your help with this and all best wishes, Gillian

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 12:37 PM Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Hi Gillian,

Attached to this email is the agenda for tonight's meeting. If you scroll down to item H-1, and click on the blue file number, it will bring you to a [webpage with the attachments](#). Then you'll need to click on the attachments to view them. I linked the page in this email just in case there was any issue opening it from the attached agenda

Additionally, any communication received after the agenda was published on Friday will be added and then the packet will be re-published this afternoon before the meeting. I can send you an updated agenda at that time if you would like. It will also be available online.

Thank you,

Kristen

**From:** Gillian Feeley-Harnik <[gfharnik@umich.edu](mailto:gfharnik@umich.edu)>  
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Hi Kristen,

Just getting back to you because I can't seem to find the letters related to this case (I'm sure they are there, but I can't seem to locate them). If you could send me a link, I'd really appreciate it.

Many thanks and all best wishes, Gillian

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 12:05 PM Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Hi Gillian,

Yes- the agenda is where links to documents will be. We are publishing the agenda very soon and links to documents will become available.

Thank you,

Kristen

**From:** Gillian Feeley-Harnik <[gfharnik@umich.edu](mailto:gfharnik@umich.edu)>  
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**Cc:** [alanharnik@provide.net](mailto:alanharnik@provide.net); Barrett, Jon <[JBarrett@a2gov.org](mailto:JBarrett@a2gov.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: letter from Feeley-Harnik & Harnik to be considered in ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street

Hi Kristen,

Thanks so much for confirming that you got my letter. I really appreciate it.

Could you please tell me where all the letters for ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street will be online? I did find the agenda for the Wednesday April 22 meeting, but no links to documents, but that was yesterday evening, so perhaps too soon.

Many thanks again for your help and all best wishes, Gillian (Feeley-Harnik)

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM Vander Lugt, Kristen <[KVanderLugt@a2gov.org](mailto:KVanderLugt@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your comments, they will be shared with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Kristen

**Kristen Vander Lugt** (*she/her*)

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**Note: Until further notice I can be reached by phone remotely at 734-210-1791 or by voicemail only at (734) 794-6000 x42618**

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**Subject:** Re: letter from Feeley-Harnik & Harnik to be considered in ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway Street

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Attached please find our letter (Feeley-Harnik and Harnik) concerning the case of # 7 Ridgeway Street to be heard at the meeting of Ann Arbor's Zoning Board of Appeals this coming Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020.

**RE: ZBA 20-005: 7 Ridgeway St.** Owner Margaret McKinley (c/o Robert Burroughs, architect at O/X Studio, Ann Arbor) appeal for a variance reducing setbacks in front (40 to 30 feet) and in back (30 to 20 feet) of # 7 Ridgeway.

If you could confirm that you got our letter and distributed it to the members of the AAZB with the other materials for the meeting, I'd greatly appreciate it.

With many thanks for your help and all best wishes,

Gillian Feeley-Harnik

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