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12/15/2021 10:14 PM

Re: Letter sent to you last week

To C Masterson <masterson2274@comcast.net> Copy Irenegphilips@gmail.com <irenegphilips@gmail.com>

There was a public meeting at St Christophers on Tuesday August 31st at 6pm at Ryan Recital Hall. There were many neighbors and residents present. I have not had a public meeting about this proposal as there are not final plans for this project in response to feedback from residents or the City about what was shared. As stated in a previous email from the Planning Dept, there has been nothing submitted for this project to share or meet about. Once there is an update to the proposal and plans are officially submitted, there will be a public meeting to discuss and review the plans.

There have been no behind closed door meetings or conversations during my tenure. Anything discussed about this project has been and will be public. Nothing has been agreed upon about this project. While I have been busy over the last two weeks, I remain committed to my responsibilities for the District and neighborhood.

Andreas D. Addison

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On Dec 15, 2021, at 8:22 PM, C Masterson <masterson2274@comcast.net> wrote:

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Irene,

I am waiting for a response from Andreas before going to the tv stations.

If the meeting referenced in the earlier email was closed to only school representatives/advocates, I am concerned about what was discussed in a face-to-face meeting that couldn't be said in an open meeting. It should have been recorded, unless there were deals being made to get the project approved.

The fact that the school was able to even get a meeting, yet you could not get an email response. Interesting, based on the email and stating how busy he was, Andreas still had time for a meeting with the school. There are too many real life examples of inappropriate back door deal making with elected representatives discussing the public's business in private, not to be concerned. Especially with the school trying to get a commercial type request approved in a single family residentially zoned neighborhood... in addition to associatesmedical issues. I'm hoping I am wrong about the meeting. Will update you when I learn more.

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From: **Addison, Andreas D. - City Council** <Andreas.Addison@richmondgov.com>

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Subject: Letter sent to you last week

Ms Philips

I apologize for the difficulty in reaching my office. I have been swamped with finishing up my teaching at UVA and UR this semester and my Liaison left for a new job at the same time. I have been overwhelmed with work and council communications and believe that reaching back out to you might have fallen through my process. I apologize. This part-time elected position can get the best of you sometimes.

I have received several letters of opposition along with several letters of support from residents. I attended the meeting about the project and listened to the presentation and questions. I am awaiting for the response from the Planning Department on the impact on the neighborhood from a zoning and layout aspect. I understand your concerns about the impact of the lighting and for parking as well. I have not made my final decision as of yet as I am interested in seeing the final details on height, hours of use, number of days, etc. Before I make a final decision, I am looking to see and evaluate the final details in regards to the proposal to address you and your neighbors concerns.

Again, I apologize for being difficult to reach. It has been a chaotic end of the year and I missed your communication. Please let me know if there is anything else that I can assist you with.

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On Dec 14, 2021, at 5:59 PM, Philips wrote:

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Dear Councilman Addison,

Over the last few weeks I have called you many times at your City Council office and left my phone number, hoping for a return call. When there was no response, I wrote a letter, emailed it to you, and was hoping to hear from you. The issue I'd like to discuss is the Special Use Permit applied for by St. Christopher's School. I am in touch with neighbors here on Kensington Avenue and we are all opposed to the installation of the 70 foot tall light poles. Again, I am asking for a response from you. As you are my representative on the City Council, as well as for this neighborhood's citizens, I have the right to an answer from you. I shouldn't have to remind you that my taxes fund your salary.

I will continue calling and emailing you until you respond.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad