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**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 6:09 PM  
**To:** Schnick, Andrea  
**Cc:** 7 Barb Janssen; Marshall, David; Acklin, Tim; Jacob Sciammas; Emily Crook; Casey Meehan  
**Subject:** Amendment of 5/16 GENA meeting response to Wanders rezoning petition

Dear Andrea,

As you and I discussed earlier, we have a concern about the following statement in the City Plan Commission report for the Marvin Wanders rezoning petition: "*Staff attended the GENA Neighborhood Association meeting on May 16, 2017 to listen to feedback on this rezoning request. No objections were raised during that meeting.*"

In response to your suggestion, we are submitting the following points to clarify the nature of GENA members' reactions to this petition at our 5/16 meeting. We understand that our comments here will be included with the CPC report for the 5/30/17 hearings.

**Point 1: The 5/16/17 GENA meeting was not intended as a forum to provide feedback on the Wanders petition.**

Jacob Sciammas and I suggested that it would be a good idea for someone from Planning attend the 5/16/17 meeting because we anticipated members' questions regarding the rezoning petitions we learned about on May 6. Between May 6 and 16, a number of residents expressed questions, concerns, and some objections to the petitions for rezoning from R-1 to TND. We added the rezoning issue to our agenda for discussion during the 5/16 meeting, but we did not promote it as an opportunity to express objections nor were we aware that our meeting would be referenced as a part of the approval process. Jacob and I requested your presence primarily as a resource for context and information.

**Point 2: David Olson's presentation deflected attention from the Wanders petition.**

Although David Olson attended the 5/16 meeting to explain his petition, he had not contacted us and was not listed on our agenda. As a result of his presentation, most of the 5/16 discussion centered on the Olson petition rather than the Wanders petition. As a result of a lengthy agenda, the rezoning discussion was brief, and no one solicited opinions from the members in attendance. During that time, however, at least two residents made remarks that could be characterized as either strong concerns about or objections to both petitioners' intentions to convert the proposed properties to multi-family housing.

**Point 3: GENA members have expressed questions, concerns, and objections to the Wanders rezoning petition.**

As you requested, I will submit those concerns and objections in a second email for inclusion with the CPC report.

Thank you for letting us include our perception of our members' response to the Wanders rezoning petition at the 5/16 GENA meeting.

**Grandview-Emerson Neighborhood Association (GENA)**

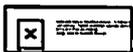
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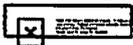
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