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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2008 1:47 PM

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Subject: Sandy Spring Media Response; Farm Road - MPIA Request

Dear Adrian,

It seems perhaps you have me confused with someone else. I am not a party to any lawsuit against MNCPPC, any of its staff or any person or any entity related to the Farm Road. However I have recently decided to more actively advocate for the residents of Sandy Spring with regard to MNCPPC's recent refusal to assign addresses to their properties. As a County taxpayer and volunteer victim's advocate, I will request written responses shortly from certain persons and entities, including your agency, in an attempt to help publicize the plight that the Sandy Spring residents face.

I am uncertain how, as MNCPPC's General Counsel, you can demand that a member of the public not contact you with regard to matters for which you are ultimately responsible, i.e. the legal positions of your agency that affect parties who are not adverse to it. I believe I have the right to contact public officials, such as you, in an effort to help others as I have done for years. Nevertheless, I would be interested to hear your thoughts to the contrary.

As you know I met with MNCPPC's Development Review Chief, Rose Krasnow, on the issue of obtaining addresses for Mr. Rounds and Mr. Gaither, neither of which are litigants against you or your agency. At that time Rose explained that MNCPPC does not have any written policies or procedures that govern its address assignments. If she is correct, and given that she has oversight for the process it is reasonable to believe that she is, I am requesting that you prioritize a remedy for that. Alternatively, if she is incorrect, I would very much appreciate receiving a copy of those rules and procedures. In addition I am requesting records that indicate which of your staff have assigned addresses for Mr. Rounds and his neighbors and later crossed them out as is indicated in MNCPPC's address book and ultimately the state tax records. Given the desperate need that these residents have to obtain addresses I would hope that you would work with me to solve these issues. In case you are not so inclined a Maryland Public Information Act request is attached.

I don't understand your assertion that I should be ashamed of donating my time to help some of the neediest people in our community. Babies and people in their nineties are suffering over your agency's wrongful actions. I have gained intimate knowledge of the Farm Road properties, MNCPPC's past practices with regard to them, and the trouble that MNCPPC's position and actions has caused in this matter.

Lastly, with regard to your comment about a ridiculous lawsuit, I can only imagine you are referring to the Bacon's complaint – an action in which I am not a party. I cannot imagine any reasonable person looking at the evidence and arriving at the same conclusion. I believe it is time that MNCPPC stop avoiding its obligations and begin acting reasonably and responsibly. I also believe it is important for the public to know that you have been hiding from the process server and the media on this issue. That *is* something to be ashamed of.

The public would be better served if you would face the agency's problems head on. I look forward to you doing so as do others who have begun to respond in the past two days after learning of MNCPPC's actions related to the Farm Road.

I remain open to meeting with you to resolve these issues as I previously offered.

Sincerely,

Steve Kanstoroom
Cell 301 503-6078

Attachments: MNCPPC Statements to the Baltimore Sun with Affidavit of Adrienne Gude Lewis
MNCPPC Address Book Showing Addresses Issued to Farm Road Properties
MPIA Request
01/08/08 Baltimore Sun Article
http://www.gazette.net/stories/010908/olnew215851_32356.shtml
01/09/08 Gazette Article <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-md.landlocked08jan08,0,610678.story>

From: Gardner, Adrian [<mailto:Adrian.Gardner@mncppc-mc.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2008 12:49 PM
To: Steve Kanstoroom
Cc: Drew, James; Tom.Dagley@montgomerycountymd.gov; McCarthy, Jared
Subject: RE: Media Response; Farm Road

Mr. Kanstoroom,

I will not participate in any such "get together" with you or anyone else – so long as your ridiculous lawsuit claims that I (an African-American) am part of some effort to treat these people unfairly. You should be ashamed of yourself.

Please do not contact me directly on this matter again until the litigation is resolved. In the mean time, address any further request to Mr. McCarthy in my office.

Adrian R. Gardner

From: Steve Kanstoroom [<mailto:sjk@femainfo.us>]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:35 PM
To: Gardner, Adrian
Cc: 'Drew, James'; Tom.Dagley@montgomerycountymd.gov; McCarthy, Jared
Subject: Media Response; Farm Road

Dear Adrian,

Jim Drew at the Baltimore Sun asked me to comment on MNCPPC's statements regarding the Farm Road. MNCPPC's statements, as related to me, and my responses are attached.

I understand from persons at the Maryland Department of Planning that you and/or persons in your legal department have led them to believe that I am a paid consultant for Mr. Rounds. I am not a paid consultant for anyone with any matters concerning your agency and never have been. Mr. Rounds, like many of his neighbors, does not have the means to hire consultants or attorneys, hence my willingness to be his pro bono advocate.

I have considerable information concerning the Farm Road, and the actions of MNCPPC staff in regard to it. Attached is a photo of the MNCPPC address book that shows MNCPPC has issued addresses along the Farm Road. Maryland Tax records indicate that MNCPPC did so as recently as 2002.

I would very much like to meet with you to resolve these issues. If left unattended they will only grow and seriously injure some of the most vulnerable people in the community. It is also likely such inaction will spawn more lawsuits against your agency and staff. David Lieb suggested that Adrienne Gude and I contact Jared McCarthy to resolve the Farm Road issue so I am copying him as a courtesy.

Please let me know if you would like to get together to help the Sandy Spring families.

Sincerely,

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