

From: Susan Dexter
To: Planning and Growth Management Committee
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Subject: Re: Mid -Rise Review P&GM September 16
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To the Planning and Growth Management Committee:

The first Harbord Village Residents Association heard of this initiative was through a casual e-mail from a person who just happened to attend a meeting of the Design Review Panel, to which we were not invited.

It is essential, on issues as important as this, that the City have neighbourhood input and, equally, information shared. It is not too late to being about a better process.

We would appreciate a deferral so we could more fully understand the policy changes that are being contemplated and so the City could hear our informed opinion on those changes.

Please defer this item.

Best
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Harbord Village Residents' Association

On Sep 15, 2015, at 11:04 AM, David Harrison
<David.Harrison@phdmedia.com> wrote:

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning & Growth Management Committee,

The Annex Residents' Association agrees with and supports the position forwarded to you by the Grange Community Association, and suggests deferment of decision-making until a fulsome review of the report and recommendations can take place.

Respectfully,

David Harrison

Chair

Annex residents' Association

Extract from the Grange Community Association letter

The September 16th meeting of Planning and Growth Management

is being asked to act on a staff monitoring report that includes 18 categories of action recommendations and amendments to the current guidelines.

We ask that you defer, for at least two months, any consideration of this report and its recommendations.

This report has come out of the blue, with insufficient notice (or none at all) to affected parties, especially Neighbourhood Associations such as ourselves. This is an intricate issue and the recommendations need considered input from sources other than the Planning Department itself and the building industry (which, according to a presentation by Lorna Day at the Design Review Panel on September 10th, was extensively consulted).

We are not asking for deferral simply as a stalling tactic. Some of the recommendations seem to us, at first reading, to be excellent. Others, however, have implications that are extremely problematic and run against existing Official Plan policies. We are preparing an analysis that we think will be helpful to the Committee and to Council. In the meantime, please set this item aside.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ralph Daley

Ralph J Daley

President

Grange Community Association

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