From: Christa Johnson - Town Manager
To: Stock, Benjamin L.; Cyndie Martel
Subject: FW: 65 Wellington Staff Report
Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024 12:52:14 PM

Fyi re 65wellington on march 14th council agenda.

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Subject: RE: 65 Wellington Staff Report

Dear Mr. Ghirardelli,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me and the Town Council regarding 65 Wellington. I know the Council will carefully review the application and consider your comments in addition to those of other members of the public.

See you on Thursday.

Sincerely, Christa Johnson

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From: Nick Ghirardelli < nick.ghirardelli@gmail.com >

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Subject: 65 Wellington Staff Report

Dear Ms. Johnson & The Ross Town Council,

I plan to attend the upcoming March 14th meeting as the builder for 65 Wellington Ave and look forward to discussing the project and construction plans with the group. In advance of the meeting, I felt the need to address, in writing, my extreme discomfort with the slanderous statements Mr. Tedford has submitted into the record. I do not wish to waste the council's meeting time in discussing these frivolous claims, but I cannot leave such harmful statements unaddressed. These statements have a direct impact on my personal and reputable business reputation as well as my family's - which he inexcusably references in his submission.

It is incredulous to me that a neighbor would allegedly sit with this anger and frustration for over a year and never have the decency to request a sit down with my wife and I to discuss a solution. The fact that he has been taking stealth photographs (many of them of construction vehicles at other job sites (50 Wellington and 58 Wellington)) without ever addressing me personally is highly concerning to me. This person is draining town resources by escalating a one sided conflict that was never once communicated in an adult, mature or human manner in the past 1.5 years. I am happy to provide a dozen letters of other neighbors who have been nothing but positive in their reaction to how construction has been handled but giving more attention to this smear campaign feels like a waste of everyone's time.

I love this neighborhood and I value the community my family is a part of here. I know most folks (and their dogs) by name. I help neighbors move furniture, remove trash, clear debris after storms, I donate to local charities and my kids' preschool and I feel grateful to live in a town with such incredible public education opportunities for our children. Mr. Tedford has never once introduced himself to me nor has he shared his concerns in any capacity with me. I hope we can encourage and foster a practice of neighbors having human interaction and resolving issues peacefully as opposed to slamming each other with inflammatory fabrications in public forums.

I have copied Mr. Tedford on this email in the spirit of practicing transparency and would welcome the opportunity to meet with him separately to discuss any legitimate concerns he would like to address in a productive manner.

The focus here should be on how we can ensure 65 Wellington proceeds with the utmost respect and safety of the neighborhood in a way that encourages productive conversation and balances the interests of neighbors' right to improve their property with others' right to enjoy theirs. The beauty of Winship is that we are a close knit community without the high walls and gated driveways of other areas but it does come with its own challenges in construction management on the narrow streets without ample parking. I will be at the meeting to actively listen and commit to following whatever requirements the town has in place to ensure as minimal disruption as possible.

Best,

Nick Ghirardelli