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To: Peng Her <pengher@eastisthmus.org>

Peng—

Please note with regard to improving the City/Neighborhood process, here are my brief words to send with you tonight if it's not too late.

Access. Neighborhoods need equal access to information if they are going to make informed, timely decisions.

Timeliness. Neighborhoods need more lead time than companies or individual developers. We have more opinions to gather.

Communication. We need help getting the word out, including building our neighborhood communications (all sorts: web, fb, listserves, bulletin boards. We need access to lists of residents, names and addresses. We need the city to notice far and wide and continue to improve communication on projects. Jim Wolfe's creation of a website devoted to the Willy Street project is a good example of access to current plans, et cetera.

Education. If we are going to make informed decisions, we either need equivalent education (not likely—but not necessarily out of the question), or a neutral, informed, advocate with complete development experience who can advise neighborhoods on all aspects of development and associated concerns.

Guidelines. Guidelines are good. We are all susceptible to getting lost in any process. A neutral facilitator has been helpful in many of our neighborhood decision making meetings. I suggest the neighborhood share in the selection of the facilitator.

Please note: I'm concerned that the notes taken on the large sheets of paper at the Round Table would have been impossible to fully appreciate by the BPW. Even the person who reported back from the group discussion miscommunicated (I doubt if this was at all intentional) the meaning of the bullet points taken by the scribe.

Thanks for your work,

Twink

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