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I am writing in regards to a letter I sent to Dan Seeley, Margaret Watson, Bill White and Steve Brown Properties on 11/21/2013. The letter thanks the group for meeting to discuss the proposed West Gillman Street Project. The letter also listed four concerns that I had with the proposed project.

- Lighting in the area is very poor. Darkness and blind spots created by buildings are a safety hazard.
- The use of video cameras inside and out will deter crime and help police solve crimes.
- Key fobs that monitor the entrances are another security boost. The use of these on all doors including the garage door will add to the security of residents.
- The attention to architecture as it relates to safety was very thoughtful. The design of the balconies and windows are going to reduce burglaries and damage to property.

I went on to state that “The concern of the historical value of the current buildings scheduled to be raised is an issue that MPD is sensitive to. We are able to report that this plan will help resolve safety issues that did not exist when the current buildings were designed.”

What I neglected to include in the letter is that the first three bullet points could be adapted to the current buildings to improve lighting and safety.

After hearing the concerns from neighborhood stakeholders on what was perceived as a biased letter in favor of the project to include the demolition of buildings, I feel the need to clarify the intent of the letter.

The Central District does consider the Steve Brown Properties a leading stakeholder in the community and they have worked cooperatively with the District to correct problems that arise with their properties. The Mansion Hill Neighborhood Association is also highly regarded by the district as they regularly share information with officers who attend meetings. The association has worked hard to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and continues to partner with the Police Department on solutions intended to make the neighborhood safer.

The only bearing the letter by the Central District should have on this project is to show the cooperative relationship that Steve Brown Properties and the Mansion Hill Neighborhood Association share with the MPD.

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Sincerely,

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