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Dear Brad:

Could you forward this email to members of the Plan Commission. This email concerns design characteristics for item #23750 on the Plan Commission agenda for Monday September 19th. Thank You.

Plan Commission Members:

Common Wealth Development, Inc. (CWD) is pursuing the acquisition & rehabilitation of three foreclosed and abandoned 4-unit buildings located at 433 Cantwell Court, 1526 Jenifer and 434 South Thornton Avenue. These three adjacent properties have been sitting vacant for over three years and are a neighborhood blight and safety hazard. Common Wealth Development has submitted a PUD-SIP to allow for proper zoning. Urban Design Commission approved the project on September 7, 2011 on a 5-4 vote to allow Common Wealth the flexibility to use vinyl siding if needed. Common Wealth hopes to use cement/hard board siding if we can fund the additional estimated cost of \$25,000 - \$30,000 per building. Common Wealth will not be able to recreate beveled siding corners even with hard board siding. We are committed to using hard board trim at window & door opening, freeze board, and the band boards. We are concerned that if we are required to install hard board siding on all three buildings the project may be financially unfeasible. We request support from the Plan Commission to allow us the flexibility to install vinyl or hard board siding.

Sincerely,

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