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Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 7:28 AM
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Subject: FW: Heritage Hill Silver Line Update
Attachments: HH_ITP_Resolution.pdf

Peter and Don,

I responded to Jim Talen's email expressing appreciation (you were copied) but wanted to "converse" with the two of you off-line. Don, you know Board process and meeting protocols well...but we have an odd situation here. I feel certain that the HH folks would like to make comments before we discuss this matter, yet it is not on the agenda so their comments would normally come at the end of the meeting. Do you see a way to resolve this?

Peter, would you please have the resolution printed to be distributed at the Board meeting?

How would you both like to see this handled today?

George

From: jtalen@aol.com [mailto:jtalen@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 9:27 PM
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Subject: Heritage Hill Silver Line Update

George, Don and Peter,

I'm happy to report that, after nearly an hour and a half of intense debate tonight, the Heritage Hill Board of Directors unanimously rescinded its previous resolution regarding the Silver Line route and millage and approved the attached resolution. The wording of the proposed ITP resolution is exactly as it was presented by George, earlier today.

I am hopeful that the ITP Board will be willing to reach out and accept what I think is an outstretched hand of cooperation. Many on the Heritage Hill Board would like to move on and get the millage passed. And although I can't speak for them, I suspect that they look forward to working closely with ITP, through the appropriate channels, to find an acceptable alternative route that does not involve a residential street.

My understanding is that George or Don will present the resolution to the ITP Board at its Wednesday meeting. Heritage Hill wonders what would be an appropriate role for it to play at the meeting. Is it OK for some HH Board members to be there. Would remarks by one or more board members be appropriate, perhaps during a public comment period? I will not be able to attend as I'll be leaving town tomorrow morning on County related business and returning on Friday evening. Your advice on the process would be appreciated. I've included some Heritage Hill staff and executive board members in this message. They will be taking the communication ball at this point, since I will be gone, so please include them in your reply.

Also, if you have any suggestions as to how wounds might begin to be healed, I'd appreciate hearing your thoughts at some point.

Thank you so much for what you've done so far....I hope this episode can reach a satisfactory conclusion tomorrow night.

Best wishes,

JimT

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