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STATEMENT AT COUNCIL OPEN MIKE- OCT. 15, 2010

Mr. Mayor, Members of Council

My name is Jack Sullivan. I am here today to say a highly grateful "thank you" to Councilmen Rob Krupicka and Paul Smedberg for their letter of Sept. 29 asking the Council and Planning Commission to table all plans for higher density in the West End until the City can devise a workable and viable transportation plan.

Your letter, Councilmen, echoed the sentiments of the Seminary Hill Association, other civic groups on the West End, and more than 400 persons who have signed a petition asking for the same tabling of plans.

It is my hope that you, Mr. Mayor, and other members of Council will endorse this request and demand requisite action. Also you, Mr. Hartmann and you, Ms. Hamer, please will hear the call of these elected officials and the citizens who support them.

The follies that are being perpetrated on our community by the Beauregard Planning Process were evident the other night at the community meeting at John Adams School.

City planners admitted that no one has been able to figure out how to accommodate 7.5 million square feet of additional density into the Corridor. Undeterred, now the City will be taking a run at something less - - perhaps 6.5 or 5.5 million. That is madness. We do not even know the transportation needs from BRAC, much less from dense new development.

The consultant also admitted that no one can figure out how to put a parallel road in the tract without tearing down a neighborhood of single family homes. Is this what Alexandria has come to? A willingness to destroy neighborhoods to accommodate a developer? More madness.

Thankfully, two councilmen have acted decisively to bring sanity back into the picture.

If a majority of the Council -- an additional two of you -- will agree with them, this battle is over. If not, it will be long and contentious struggle to preserve and protect the West End and its neighborhoods. Please be assured, we will fight on.

Thank you.

SPEAKER'S FORM

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DOCKET ITEM NO. 20

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK  
BEFORE YOU SPEAK ON A DOCKET ITEM

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW PRIOR TO SPEAKING.

1. NAME: Jack Sullivan

2. ADDRESS: 4300 Ivanhoe P 22304

TELEPHONE NO. 703 370 3039 E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

3. WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT, IF OTHER THAN YOURSELF? Self

4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER:

5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):  
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6. ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

This form shall be kept as a part of the permanent record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for your presentation, except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard on a docket item shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the Clerk.

Additional time not to exceed 15 minutes may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the council present; provided notice requesting additional time with reasons stated is filed with the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

The public normally may speak on docket items only at public hearing meetings, and not at regular legislative meetings. Public hearing meetings are usually held on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month; regular legislative meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item at a legislative meeting can be waived by a majority vote of council members present but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply. If an item is docketed *for public hearing* at a regular legislative meeting, the public may speak to that item, and the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply.

In addition, the public may speak on matters which are not on the docket during the Public Discussion Period at public hearing meetings. The mayor may grant permission to a person, who is unable to participate in public discussion at a public hearing meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly substantial reasons, to speak at a regular legislative meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at public hearing meetings shall apply.

Guidelines for the Public Discussion Period

(a) All speaker request forms for the public discussion period must be submitted by the time the item is called by the city clerk.

(b) No speaker will be allowed more than three minutes; except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard during the public discussion period shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation.

(c) If more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 30 minutes, the mayor will organize speaker requests by subject or position, and allocated appropriate times, trying to ensure that speakers on unrelated subjects will also be allowed to speak during the 30 minute public discussion period.

(d) If speakers seeking to address council on the same subject cannot agree on a particular order or method that they would like the speakers to be called on, the speakers shall be called in the chronological order of their request forms' submission.

(e) Any speakers not called during the public discussion period will have the option to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, after all docketed items have been heard.