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**Subject:** Re: # 1 Elmwood letter--for approval  
**From:** "Doug Smith" <DSmith293@nycap.rr.com>  
**Date:** Wed, June 30, 2010 12:36 am  
**To:** dreeb@albany.edu  
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Hi, Don -

Interesting bit of news about the rescheduling of the meeting at Nano being because funding is not secure. Not surprising, all things considered, but interesting. Seems the Nano folks were confident enough to schedule the meeting but then got cold feet for some reason. Makes you wonder what might have changed. Maybe someone at DOT felt that things were moving faster than what they were willing to commit to?

As far as the letter is concerned, I think it is good. This situation is going to be a test for Rodger, so I understand the idea behind saying:

" Sometimes harsh criticisms from McKownville residents have come forth because from the 1950s until 2000 McKownville's requests for Town aid---be it zoning or storm sewers or whatever--were largely ignored."

But I'm wondering if it doesn't come across as too much of a threat. What I'm interested in knowing is if or how this was approved. Could we instead end with:

" We would like to work with you to avoid having future projects like this one being completed before there is an opportunity for the neighborhood to raise its concerns."

On 6/29/2010 1:55 PM, [dreeb@albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@albany.edu) wrote:

> Hi Board members:  
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> A letter concerning # 1 Elmwood is attached--please let me know what  
> revisions you think should be made--I would like to get it in the mail by  
> close of business on Wednesday.  
>  
> PS--you received the memo about the Barber farm stand opening on July 1.  
> Please send forth the information to others. Thanks.  
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> I also got calls about "do not block the intersection" signs for Western  
> Avenue--Glenwood Street residents and others complained about this problem  
> as it has become more common during the Fuller Road reconstruction--NYSDOT  
> Region I Bill Haldesbeck--786-6950--said he would try to get at least one  
> sign for Glenwood and maybe for several other streets (Knowles, Waverly,  
> Norwood, Parkwood and Elmwood) as well. The problem occurs at noontime and  
> during the dinner rush--and on the northside of Western with cars lined up  
> headed west. My observation did not detect a similar problem for the south  
> side of Western Avenue and those seven intersecting streets.  
>  
> Bill Anslow of Albany County Public Works Department--765-2786--called and  
> explained that the Fuller Road/NanoTech meeting was rescheduled because  
> the funding source for the improvements was not yet firm. The main purpose

> of his call was to tell me that the requested signs (see above) were  
> NYSDOT's problem. Todd Gifford of the Town highway department called last  
> week to provide a similar disclaimer. As Route 20/Western Avenue is a  
> state highway, their disclaimers appear to me to be justified.  
>  
> Don Reeb

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