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Hi Board members:

A reminder about tonights Board meeting--7pm--my house.

Our two agenda items tonight--the July 14 Planning Board meeting concerning Stuyvesant and the July 22 County meeting about Fuller Road and NanoTech.

Concerning the latter--David Knight met with Nano and sent me the enclosed email--it contains useful information about Nano and how it views its neighborhood responsibilities.

And at tonights meeting our two new Board members--Ellen Manning (replacing Anita Behn) and Marian Hoyle (replacing Marty Gnacik) will be introduced to the Board. We can never do enough to thank our Board members for their work and effort and interest in the community--but we should make room in our agenda for discussing this as well.

See you tonight.

Don Reeb

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Informal Nano meeting
From: "David Knight" <knight@atmos.albany.edu>
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Hi Don,

Yesterday I met for 2-3 hours with Alain Kaloyerros, Steve Janack, and Ed Cupoli at Nano. We talked about many things. It was a productive meeting. I went as a concerned citizen, and did not represent the association.

The freedom Quad retention pond is scheduled to be fixed this summer. If all goes well, this should solve the water problem (at least the part due to Nano) in my immediate neighborhood. I told them that the pond should have been fixed as part of their original project to divert water - they agreed in hindsight, but claimed they did not know at the time. Perhaps reasonable since the runoff study they did to appease the neighborhood association was done after they diverted the water. Apparently the execution of the fix took longer than hoped because of the legalities of a "private" enterprise paying for

work done on property they do not have rights to. Makes sense. Anyway, they said they have that sorted out and expect the project to be done this summer. I told them if they did not, that they would hear from me. They expected nothing else. It was strange that I had to explain to them how covering the ground with buildings and parking lots might effect people downstream.

This obviously will not fix the old collapsing storm system. Which reminds me, any news about the Guilderland study? But should help. If we ask nicely perhaps he could help with the collapsing storm water system - money and influence are not things the Nano College seem short of.

As you know, they plan to expand northward. I expressed concern that they would divert even more water in our direction, and not be prepared to deal with it (again). They assured me that they already have plans for a retention pond near the present intersection of Fuller and Washington. This should mean the area north of Washington would continue to drain to the north (there are already storm drains in that area which I assume they will tie into - I'll have to ask them about that in the future) Apparently the money is not yet in the bank to pay for the relocation of Washington, but they seemed hopeful. Unfortunately I did not ask Alain if he knew why the meeting was delayed - I did ask Ed, but he is not really in a position to know, and he did not know.

Alain figures the land north of Washington should give them a few years of expansion. I asked what happens next, freedom quad, Harriman? Apparently Freedom is problematic because of bonding issues and the Giants. He has given up on Harriman because they have not moved forward for over 10 years. He was thinking about having the U move the pumpkin patch to Harriman and moving into that space! Of course at this stage all we have is speculation. He really does want to keep his campus as contiguous as possible (which I understand).

Another issue we discussed is his need for housing. Apparently many of the people he is hunting expect, or want, the University to provide housing. But we don't do housing. I expect this pressure to increase. He mentioned the possibility of perhaps in the future using Freedom for that. There was also some discussion about buying up neighborhood houses (scarey!)

Alain told me he would like to start meeting with the neighbors again. Apparently they discontinued meetings because they were concerned about consistency of discussions and the sense that the association was trying to use them. I assured him that the people involved were only doing what they thought was right, and had no hidden agenda. I don't know how to say this, but your name came up frequently. Apparently they felt you said one thing in the meetings, and another thing a few weeks later. I don't know if this is true, and I don't want to judge, but that is the feeling they have right or wrong, I think meetings with Nano would be a good thing. Alain is a very pragmatic man - he knows that it is much easier to deal with things in advance when ever possible. He also recognizes that we see things in a way that he might not. I also think he wants to be a "good neighbor" if he can do it without hurting his plans. I think we would all benefit from open and honest discussions. Of course I could have been

sold a bag of horse manure, but I don't think so. I'm willing to take a lead role in this, but I would need to find 2-3 people who think like him (an academic scientist with an entrepreneurial bent and a clear and consistent vision - ones who cared about the neighborhood, but preferably did not work for the University, and did not have any perceived baggage - not easy . . .)

He has a folder about McKownville. I only saw parts of it. He has minutes from all the meetings, he also has copies of many of the email messages you have sent. It is safe to assume that anything that happens in our public meetings, and anything you send to the community list, ends up in his hands.

He freely admitted to having copies of email that was not sent to him. I don't think he has board email, but he might. He is going to do whatever he feels he needs to do. We have far more to gain by working with him than working against him.

I don't like this email, but will send it anyway since it took me awhile to type. I'll also call. I assume they expect me to report back to you, and, I don't want to disappoint them.

David

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