Subject: FW: Response to letter from Tracy A. Brennand re 100 Block W. Queens - proposed Senior Housing complex. Date: Mon, 10 May 2004 14:02:01 -0700 From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org> To: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <Cagebc@yahoo.com> ----Original Message-----> Ernie Crist > From: > Sent: May 10, 2004 1:56 PM Nathalie Valdes > To: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee > Cc: Response to letter from Tracy A. Brennand re 100 Block W. Queens. > Subject: > > > Dear Ms Brennand: > > Thank you for your letter re the above proposal. I fully understand your concerns. It is a very difficult issue for us as there is a shortage of suitable housing for seniors who presently live in the surrounding area and wish to find suitable accommodation for their age and wish to stay in the area. > > At the same time you are quite right. This is a single family residential area and people such as yourself have bought into the character of the neighborhood and are entitled to see that character maintained. > > Keeping this in mind, Council sent the matter back to the applicant and the persons affected to find a compromise. Our staff will use all their skills to find an acceptable solution. A number or meetings are being held and if you have not already done so, I urge you to go to those meetings to defend your interests. > > I will be watching the progress with considerable interest. I still believe that my personal philosophy that existing neighborhoods can themselves resolve issues arising in their own neighborhoods is correct. > A much better method to address the housing issue would have been to use District land assets for land assembly programs for such purposes, but all my repeated efforts to that effect were nixed including by the present Council. Unfortunately, the community too failed to speak up when the District Heritage Fund, a key element in such a scenario was mismanaged more or less instead. > > Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. > > Yours truly, > > Ernie Crist, > > cc North Shore Senior and non profit housing organizations. > > > > > > > Name: winmail.dat