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December 23, 2009

Mr. David Arneke
President, College Hill Neighborhood Association
922 Carr Street
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Dear Mr. Arneke:

Pleased find enclosed a copy of a letter sent to the Greensboro Mayor and City Council regarding Edwards Student Housing for your information.

Sincerely,

Linda P. Brady
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The Honorable William H. Knight
Mayor of Greensboro
PO Box 3136
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Dear Mayor Knight:

In the past several weeks a great deal of attention has been given to the Edwards Communities redevelopment of the Newman Whitney property proposal. I think it is important we clearly articulate UNCG's intentions regarding university-controlled housing before the rezoning appeal comes before City Council in January. First, in 2008 we formed the UNCG Neighborhood Consortium made up of seven surrounding neighborhoods and two neighboring merchant groups. UNCG will continue to coordinate this consortium and together with our neighbors and the City of Greensboro, we intend to foster a supportive environment that promotes university growth and neighborhood stability.

Second, due to anticipated enrollment growth this past summer we developed a strategic housing plan. The plan is online at <http://url.uncg.edu/UNCGStrategicHousingPlan2020.pdf>. UNCG plans to increase the inventory of university-controlled housing by 4000 beds in the next decade or less by building additional housing facilities on campus and by exploring the possibilities for the development of a new neighborhood of university-controlled student housing near campus. We would want any student housing developer to be mindful of that before deciding to build.

We have had discussions with Edwards Communities for nearly three years regarding off campus student housing alternatives. We recognize Edwards as a nationally-reputable student housing provider and have respect for Edwards' professionalism and portfolio of work. However, UNCG does not currently consider the Newman Whitney site in College Hill as a viable component of the conceived new neighborhood of university-controlled housing. When the University's Strategic Housing Plan was developed, Edwards was invited to consider partnering with UNCG to develop the "new neighborhood" of university-controlled housing somewhere else near campus, rather than proceeding with their planned project to the east at Fulton and Spring Garden (Newman Whitney property). However, Edwards declined, presumably because Edwards had already expended pre-development costs in the Newman project.

I hope this letter provides you with a greater understanding of our approach to UNCG's growing student housing needs.

Sincerely,

Linda P. Brady
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