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From: Hamblin, Kevin
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To: Sundberg, Ryan; Bohn, Rex; Fennell, Estelle; Lovelace, Mark; Bass, Virginia
Cc: Miller, John; Mushrush, Paula
Subject: FW: Avenue of the Giants Community Plan

From: Virginia Graziani [mailto:vgraz44@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Hamblin, Kevin
Cc: Richardson, Michael
Subject: Avenue of the Giants Community Plan

Dear Director Hamblin:

Long before I was a reporter for the Redwood Times, I was interested in planning issues. In the 1990s I belonged to an ad hoc group called The Avenue Communities Coalition, which successfully petitioned the board of supervisors at the time to create a community plan for the Avenue communities. There's quite a long history behind creation of the Avenue Plan. Some of the key people have moved away since then, and some of the people currently criticizing that process were not living in the area at the time.

I would certainly agree that it's time to take a second look at the Ave Plan and revise it in response to current conditions, but I feel that accusations that the whole thing was cooked up by your predecessor and Plan West without community input and consent are wildly exaggerated, at best.

I don't think it's a good idea to get into public arguments about what happened nearly 15-20 years ago but if you are interested in the actual history, a good person to start with could be Kirk Gothier, whom you probably remember as a long-time county planner, now retired. TACC hired him to explain the planning process in a series of scoping meetings in various Avenue communities before we petitioned the board.

I won't mention this again -- I just thought in case you were interested as to how this all came about....

Best wishes,
Virginia Graziani