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Mayor Kevin Foy  
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Dear Kevin:

Since our trip to Madison last fall, you and I have had several discussions about how to involve our neighbors in planning for two of our new campus buildings. While I don't anticipate copying every aspect of the approach used in Madison, I see real advantages to neighbor involvement as a key element of our cooperative approach to campus development, especially at the edges of the campus.

We have two projects in the early stages of planning, and we would like to use these projects as an opportunity to test the means of involving neighbors in our planning. One of these projects involves a significant addition to the Law School on Ridge Road. The other is our Innovation Center to be located on the south side of Estes Drive Extension, across from the Horace Williams Airport. The center would provide office space and labs for development of commercial applications growing out of campus-based research. The proposed site for this building adjoins the Elkin Hills neighborhood. We have worked with neighbors from Elkin Hills in the past, and their involvement will be essential to moving this project forward.

Ideally, the University and the Town would appoint a neighborhood committee to advise us on each of these projects. I believe the end product will be better facilities for the University and a more effective and transparent process for community involvement in the earliest stages of campus projects.

If, however, the Town chooses not to join with us to develop the committees, I hope you will appoint a member of the Town Council to serve on the committees in an ex-officio capacity as a liaison to the Town Council.

The planning for both of these buildings is moving forward now, so it's important for us to identify committee members and launch the committees' work immediately. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
James Moeser

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Richard Mann