

Gene Poveromo

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Mr. Poveromo,

Would you enter this correction the records of the Community Design Commission, and forward this to the Mayor and Town Council.

Thank you,
Bob Calhoun

>Date: Wed, 13 Oct 2004 15:53:42 -0400
>To: dschoworer@nc.rr.com
>From: Bob Calhoun <bcalhoun@durhamhabitat.org>
>Subject: Sunrise Coalition Presentation
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>Mr. Schworer,

> It has come to my attention that a presentation to the
> Community Design Commission by Dr. Surwit included slides identified
> as 6 year old homes built by Habitat for Humanity of Durham. This is not correct.

> The house pictured as "house1" is not a Habitat product, nor
> am I familiar with its location or history. Habitat Durham built the
> home in slide "house2", not 6 but 18 years ago. Approximately 19
> months ago, the Housing Authority of the City of Durham exercised
> eminent domain as an inclusion of the current Hope VI efforts
> requiring new roadway alignments. This home was purchased by HAD and
> the owner relocated with a new home to own. In the ensuing months, the
> house has been vacant and vandalized. HAD has little interest in
> preserving the building as it is slated for demolition due to the
> roadway alignment and high cost of moving the structure. If Dr. Surwit
> has presented an example for our communities, it is a testament to the
> value of owner occupied homes and neighborhoods. Twenty months ago
> 1003 Angier Avenue was a well maintained, cherished home.

> Although I believe this was most likely the result of haste
> and poor research, a correction and apology to the Durham and Orange
> communities is in order. I would be pleased to speak with you further
> concerning this issue.

> If you are truly interested in the current work of Habitat
> Durham, our 150th home is open for tours Friday, Saturday and Sunday
> afternoons as part of the Home Builders Association Parade of Homes.

>Sincerely,

>Bob Calhoun
>Executive Director



No Parking

