

**Kelsey Rogers**

Item No. 7, communication No. 2

**From:** Tom Zanarini  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 8:50 AM  
**To:** Kelsey Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: Project at 51 Walnut Avenue  
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you have no such accurate remembrance of country you have driven through as you gain by riding a bicycle. --  
Ernest Hemingway

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**From:** Dylan Simonds [<mailto:dylan@dylansimonds.com>]  
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**To:** Mike Moore; Tom Zanarini  
**Cc:** 'Dylan Simonds'  
**Subject:** Project at 51 Walnut Avenue  
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Greetings!

I had intended to submit the attached letter to the Department, a couple of weeks ago, but a major bout with the flu kept me from doing so. Now that I am well and more or less on top of things, I will drop off a signed copy of the letter to the Department on Monday morning. As you will read, I request in the letter that my name be removed from the petition of the approval of the project at 51 Walnut Avenue. If you have any questions for me, or any further instructions, do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

With warm regards,  
Dylan

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To Whom It May Concern:

In January, I added my signature to a petition appealing the Council's second approval of the new construction project at 51 Walnut Avenue, a property owned by Joshua Deitch. At the time, it was my understanding that the approval had been granted in a process that did not adequately allow for input from the community, which I found objectionable. However, after personally reviewing all of the relevant project files on record in the Department, I determined not only that the community had had appropriate opportunities to learn about the proposed project and express concerns, but that the project appears to have withstood the professional scrutiny of both Department staff and Council members in a comprehensive and fair process. Furthermore, having reviewed multiple progressive iterations of the architectural renderings of the proposed structure and plan, I saw no aspect of the design that conflicts egregiously with the aesthetic and character of most other residences in this neighborhood. As a result, I no longer see a credible basis for appealing the prior approval of this particular project, and I ask that my name be stricken immediately from the petition and that the Department enter this letter into the project record for the consideration of the Department, Council, and general public.

With my sincere thanks,

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