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Good Morning Virgil,

Since I will not be able to attend the BOR meeting that is open to the public to speak for 3-minutes, I would like this e-mail to go on record regarding my concerns as a resident Historical Property owner in the South End. Currently there is nothing being contemplated but the request for a South End Study committee that will be comprised of individual property owners/business owners who do not attend the NRZ Meetings but have an avid concern about their future existence as a Historical homeowner/business owner. This concern came about as a result of BLT/Ted Ferrarone cutting off communication with the community/NRZ regarding their future and existing plans for the South End. If you read the Oct 9th NRZ meeting minutes where Bill Buckley of BLT mentioned that “we(BLT) used to come to the NRZ meetings and give updates but the communication has been cut off and he didn’t know why”. BLT/Ted Ferrarone has not been discussing or updating the community on any existing or future development plans and this can be verified in the minutes of the NRZ meetings. With this in mind resident Historical Property owners and small individual business owners felt it necessary to reach out to the state, Ralph Blessing and Renee Kahn to get guidance on how to empower themselves to conduct a study of their properties since we are not completely in agreement with the Study that was conducted by the outside agency hired by the city. The small group of individuals indicated on the proposed study committee are long- time residents and business owners who are not antidevelopment but have a strong passion for preservation and existence in a community that has lost so much historical housing which occupied low-income residents through demolition. The group of individuals chosen to participate in the study have continually been advocates for South End preservation (i.e. The Garden & Henry Street Houses, The Blick Buidling, The Firehouse, The Rectory, etc.) and are willing to voluntarily do the work which will be shared with the Board of Reps and other property owners in the South End Community. We urge the board to give the South End Residential Historical property owners a chance to conduct a study which will be ultimately shared with the Board of Reps and others once it has been completed.

Thank you

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