

From: [Gates, Jennifer](#)
To: [Heller-Relayze, Alexandra](#)
Subject: FW: Meeting request
Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 4:43:18 PM
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From: "jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com" <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:38 PM

To: "John J. Carona" [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Meeting request

John I am more than willing to meet with them and I have communicated that to them and their representative. I have offered several times to their attorney when I can be available. I have been ambushed and treated disrespectfully in the past by Laura and I will not have that happen again. As you witnessed she was not transparent in her first email. If she had presented it that the letter authors and constituents were requesting a meeting I would have happily agreed but she choose to be disingenuous. I don't operate in that manner and I will not be manipulated by her again. The Tower residents do not need to behind her bullying tactics I am happy to meet with them directly.

Jennifer

From: John J. Carona [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 5:27 PM
Subject: RE: Meeting request
To: Gates, Jennifer <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>
Cc: Laura Miller [REDACTED]

Jennifer: Thanks for your timely reply. Given my profession, be assured that I can understand the complexity of the issue. I'd be glad to meet with the residents of the low rises and I am quite familiar with the tragic fire at Preston Place. My firm managed that building for over a decade.

At the moment, the only people I'm personally interested in meeting with are those that have requested to be in Thursday's proposed meeting. At a future date, I'd be glad to meet with any others you suggest. Candidly, though, I have no desire to interfere. I simply want to see these people treated with respect and courtesy—all of them. Your unwillingness to meet with your own constituents and your efforts to make the process as difficult as possible for them leave me baffled. The appearance is that you have a clear bias against the homeowners in the towers and are favoring the developer interests. The optics on this are very damaging for you. To decline a simple request like this, only to see it escalate, is an unusual position for an elected official to take. It raises lots of questions.

John

From: Gates, Jennifer [mailto:jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 5:09 PM
To: John J. Carona [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Meeting request

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John,

This is a very complex issue and I don't believe you have a full understanding of the complexity. I respect that you would like to be involved in finding a resolution regarding PD 15 and if that is truly the case I think you should take the time to understand the perspective of all parties involved. 62 residents lost their homes to a fire and are without the ability to rezone. Are you willing to meet with them and the owners of the other low rises?

I am sorry we didn't have an opportunity to discuss the case before you signed the letter and I would welcome the conversation. I am available by phone at your convenience.

Thanks,
Jennifer



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From: "John J. Carona" [REDACTED]

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 3:32 PM

To: "jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com" <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>, Laura Miller [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Meeting request

Jennifer: I must admit to being only marginally informed about this issue, thus my personal desire to meet with you and learn more. I consider you a friend and I am among your political supporters.

All of that said, your reaction to this rather simple request leaves me bewildered. There are two issues that, as your constituents, we'd like to see resolved. First, we'd like to include the affected residents as they are the persons that have the most at stake here. I cannot understand the real issues at play without knowing their perspective as well as yours. Placing everyone in a room at the same time is most efficient and prevents miscommunication. Second, we'd like to meet soon, at a place and time that avoids the hassle of our having to come to City Hall. I'm sure that we can work with you to find a date/time nearer to your home and ours.

These are two basic requests from people that have long demonstrated their concern and love for this city. To my knowledge, no one has a personal agenda against you and we appreciate the work that you do. However, your treatment borders on hostile and leaves me wondering what the heck is really going on here. Please don't let a simple meeting request balloon into something much bigger. This is no way to treat your constituents and friends. I respectfully ask that you find a way to accommodate this request as it has been presented to you.

Best regards,

John Carona

From: Gates, Jennifer [<mailto:jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Laura Miller [REDACTED]
Cc: Clayton, Lauren <lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com>; John J. Carona
[REDACTED] Will Hartnett [REDACTED] Mitchell Rasansky
[REDACTED] Sid Stahl [REDACTED] Donna Blumer
[REDACTED] Steve Wolens [REDACTED] Roger Albright
[REDACTED] Barbara Dewberry [REDACTED] Margaret Darden
[REDACTED] Bob Bowling [REDACTED] Tatiana Frierson
[REDACTED] Steve Dawson [REDACTED] John Pritchett
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Meeting request

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All,

I think all of you have been copied on previous emails but in full transparency I want to be clear regarding meeting communication. I agreed to a meeting with the authors of the letter opposing the authorized hearing process. I am more than happy to have the opportunity to meet with them and hear their concerns. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 2:30 at City Hall. Laura has agreed to get me the confirmed list prior to the meeting. Only those in the initial email are invited to this meeting.

Lauren is working to schedule a meeting with Mr. Albright and his clients. He has been given options of meeting times. If you are not being represented by Mr. Albright and are connected to PD 15 in some manner, please feel free to reach out to my office and I am happy to meet with you as well.

I believe it is in everyone's best interest to meet in small groups. I apologize for you having to travel to City Hall but due to short notice my schedule is tight and does not allow for travel time. Lauren will need the name of anyone attending a meeting for parking and security.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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From: Laura Miller [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 10:18 AM
To: "jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com" <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>
Cc: "lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com" <lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com>, John Carona [REDACTED], Will Hartnett [REDACTED] Mitchell Rasansky [REDACTED] Sid Stahl [REDACTED] Donna Blumer [REDACTED], Steven Wolens [REDACTED], Roger Albright [REDACTED], Barbara Dewberry [REDACTED] Margaret Darden [REDACTED], Bob Bowling [REDACTED], Tatiana Frierson [REDACTED], Steve Dawson [REDACTED], John Pritchett [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Meeting request

Mr. Albright,

Please see the email below. Councilwoman Gates would like you to reach out to her directly to ask to be included in our Thursday afternoon meeting.

Thanks,
 Laura

On Oct 29, 2018, at 5:14 PM, Gates, Jennifer <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com> wrote:

Laura,

I agreed to meet with those that signed the letter. If Mr. Albright and his clients would like to meet please have him reach out to me directly.

Thanks,
 Jennifer



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From: Laura Miller [REDACTED]

Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 at 4:59 PM

To: "jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com" <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>

Cc: "lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com" <lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com>,

John Carona [REDACTED], Will Hartnett

[REDACTED] Mitchell Rasansky [REDACTED] Sid

Stahl [REDACTED] Donna Blumer [REDACTED] Steven

Wolens [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Meeting request

Jennifer,

If you could please reserve a conference room that will accommodate 15, we will have the following people with us for the meeting on Thursday:

Authorized Hearing Steering Committee Members:

Tatiana Frierson and Bob Bowling, representing Preston Tower

Barbara Dewberry and Margaret Darden from The Athena

Steve Dawson, NW Hwy and Preston Road Area Plan representative for Zone 4

John Pritchett, President of the Preston Hollow South Neighborhood Association

Roger Albright, zoning attorney/consultant for The Athena and Preston Tower

Thank you.

Laura

On Oct 29, 2018, at 4:16 PM, Gates, Jennifer <jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com> wrote:

Laura,

I am not available at all on Friday, but I can meet on Thursday at **City Hall**. I have a meeting scheduled until 2:30 on Thursday.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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From: Laura Miller [REDACTED]

Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 at 3:44 PM

To: "jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com"

<jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>

Cc: "lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com"

<lauren.clayton@dallascityhall.com>, John Carona

[REDACTED] Will Hartnett

[REDACTED] Mitchell Rasansky

[REDACTED], Sid Stahl [REDACTED], Donna

Blumer [REDACTED], Steven Wolens

[REDACTED]

Subject: Meeting request

Councilwoman Gates,

We would appreciate a meeting with you for one hour regarding the letter we sent you on May 11, 2018, re: PD 15.

We are available during the following times:

Thursday, Nov. 1, from 2:30-3:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 2, from 10:00-11:00 am

Friday, Nov. 2, from 2:30-3:30 pm

Friday, Nov.2, from or 3:30-4:30 pm

The meeting will be held at John Carona's office, 5401 N. Central Expressway, Suite 310, Dallas, Texas 75205.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Donna Blumer
John Carona
Will Hartnett
Laura Miller
Mitchell Rasansky
Sid Stahl
Steve Wolens

On May 14, 2018, at 4:37 PM, Gates, Jennifer
<jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com> wrote:

Mayor Miller,

I appreciate your input and will take all the concerns addressed in the letter into consideration. If you have emails or physical addresses for all the signees I would appreciate you sharing so I can include them in further communications.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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From: Laura Miller [REDACTED] >

Reply-To: Laura Miller [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 at 12:31 PM

To: "jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com"

<jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com>

Subject: Please see attached letter