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To: Michael Ambrose; Tori Martin; Dr Ron Fite

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Section 6.12 of the April 13, 2026 Board of Aldermen minutes contains several statements concerning me made by planning board representative Glenn Corriher which are inaccurate. These statements are in reference to my application and interview at the planning board meeting of March 17, 2026 . Following are my responses and persons who can support them.

1. Glenn Corriher stated that I previously resigned from the planning board due to "conflicts with former planning director Rick Flowe". The definition of conflict is a *serious disagreement or a clash*. There was no conflict between the planning director and me. Glenn Corriher was not in attendance at any of these meetings to see what transpired. Week after week the planning board members were given sections of NCGS 160D to review for discussion at the following week's meeting (yes we met weekly because of a state deadline as we were told). Former planning board chairman Ronnie Fite and I took this task seriously and discussed the sections weekly in preparation for the upcoming meeting. Unfortunately our comments were almost always totally disregarded without discussion by the planning director who used the excuse there is not time to make changes in the documents. In addition he regularly came to the meetings unprepared and had to request the Landis clerk make copies for distribution so the meeting could proceed. It became clear to me and other board members that our review comments were not valued and that we were simply warm bodies to fill seats so the required quorum could be met. At the last meeting I attended there was a long delay because the planning director was not prepared, blaming it on "the girl", and again the Landis clerk was asked to make copies for the board members. During this delay I made the decision not to waste any more of my time or effort and informed chairman Fite that I had to leave the meeting. The next day I spoke with both chairman Fite and town board member Ashley Stewart and formally resigned from the board giving them a full accounting of the reasons. (Note that I have spoken to Ronnie Fite, former planning board chairman and he can support my statement).

2 Glenn Corriher stated that I "stormed out of a meeting" and later called to withdraw my application after the planning board vote. He is referring to the planning board meeting of March 17, 2026 where we, the two applicants, were asked questions (the third applicant was not present). After asking their questions the three planning board members in attendance were hesitant to discuss who they wanted to fill the empty seat in our presence so we went outside. While we were outside Glenn Corriher stated that regarding my reason for wanting to be on the board again "To me that's a flag why does somebody doesn't want to be here and all the sudden they want to come back. That's my opinion. Other people may look at it differently". His recommendation for the candidate was not based on qualification but instead as he stated it was based on "prior history", whatever that means. After returning to the meeting Katherine Drum announced the board had selected Michelle Grey to be recommended to the Town Board as the successful candidate. Shortly afterward I stood and left the room as there was no reason for me to reman. There was no "storming out" when I left. The following day I spoke to Manager Ambrose and told him that since the members voted unanimously against me, and even though the Town Board has the final decision, it would be difficult for me to work with a group of people who did not want me on the board regardless of my qualifications and previous experience. I told him I would not serve on the planning board even if elected formally by the town board. (Note that I have spoken to Town Manager Michael Ambrose who was at the meeting and he can support my statement).

Please revise the the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes of April 13, 2026 to show the facts. Not being selected to the planning board isn't the point of this writing. The intent is for the meeting minutes to record facts and not opinions or efforts to disqualify an experienced candidate from being on the board due to personal opinions based on "prior history".

I would welcome meeting with you at the Town Hall to discuss this face-to-face. |

Respectfully,
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