

Mayor Goodman and City Council Members:

My name is Katherine Duncan and I am a property owner on "F" Street.

I am very sad to witness our City commit another atrocity.

When you posted a sign that F street would be closed without giving proper notice, I warned you of the consequences before you closed the street. I explained to your office the impact such an act would have on the citizens of this historically segregated neighborhood. You ignored my suggestions.

You have never come to the neighborhood to explain why you closed it. You have never apologized to the people who have been disrespected.

I have asked you repeatedly to assist this neighborhood with a neighborhood master plan. This council voted on July 1, 2009 to use the Main Street Approach to help the residents, the landowners and the business owners to develop such a master plan. Yet you have failed this neighborhood. We even paid for a consultant, at our expense, to visit with you and staff to explain how such a master could be accomplished and yet you have not listened to the people of this neighborhood.

Now you want to use funds that were set aside to develop the neighborhood to re-open the street.

I am requesting that you please suspend with this process until a master plan is created for the entire neighborhood. *Act 12*

We are paying an architect over \$300,000 to redesign the Westside School, another one to design D Street, another one to design ~~F~~ *San* Street while the State is designing F Street. What a mess!

This engineering firm has designed a door before designing the house? And still this engineering firm has not met with the Neighborhood Association.

They will tell you about how many meeting they have had in the community but the people from the neighborhood do not feel welcome in these community meetings. We were ridiculed, chastised, poked at whenever our concerns were addressed

Now your action or your inaction is costing our City over \$20 million dollars.

Mayor Goodman,

Submitted at City Council

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Katherine Duncan