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To: Brad Branham, Ben Woody, Stephanie Dahl, Esther Manheimer

Fwd: Request to Remove Mr. Jared Wheatley from PNZ Committee for 767 Bridge Hearing

Hey all, it seems like we've received multiple concerns about this commissioner across more than one project. Is there a recommended course of action?

Thanks,
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Subject: Request to Remove Mr. Jared Wheatley from PNZ Committee for 767 Bridge Hearing

Dear Councilwoman Ullman,

We respectfully request that Mr. Jared Wheatley be removed from the Planning and Zoning (PNZ) Committee for the upcoming hearing on the revised 767 development proposal. We are deeply concerned that he cannot serve as an impartial reviewer for the following reasons:

1. **Demonstrated Bias:** Mr. Wheatley publicly supported the original 767 development during the Council vote (see first video attached). Given this clear position, we question his ability to fairly evaluate the revised proposal.
2. **Disrespectful Conduct:** At the initial PNZ meeting, Mr. Wheatley was dismissive and rude toward members of our neighborhood. Unfortunately, this behavior is not uncommon from him. More concerning is his failure to engage developers with substantive questions. His approach suggests a predetermined stance in favor of development, rather than a thoughtful review process.
3. **Inflammatory Language and Condescension:** In the second attached video, Mr. Wheatley uses inflammatory language and is openly condescending toward fellow committee members. This behavior undermines open debate and thoughtful deliberation, both of which are essential to the committee's role.

Given these patterns, we do not believe Mr. Wheatley will give the 767 bridge proposal fair or serious consideration. His actions suggest that he is advancing a personal agenda rather than acting in the best interest of the City of Asheville.

We respectfully ask that you consider these concerns and appoint a more impartial committee member for this critical hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

John Appleby
The Happy Valley Property Owners Preservation Association