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Rupert says, "Shoot with a Camera--Fight with a Pen"

The past two weeks have been unbelievable. The meeting at City Hall 02/27 went well. At least that's what everyone kinda said, with the exception of Calvin who asked if something was forever. Pat and Avon were not there. Six of the eight houses were represented. We were made to believe that everyone agreed with the process of continuing our trying to buy the Park from the City. Everyone at the meeting was given a copy of the agreement with the City and had the time to ask questions. There seemed to be an air of celebration that filled the room. Nancy announced her gratitude for the work my wife and I have done in our diligent persistence of the process and my work on the Park.

We continued our diligence along with Jerry who showed up the next night with a check which he and my wife signed for LIABILITY insurance, a shopping process which had begun last August. On 02/29 I drove out to Perry Hall and acquired the insurance as required by the City of Baltimore for the deed of entry and exclusive right to negotiate. I sent out e-mails on 03/03&04 that the insurance had been acquired and the papers had been sent to the City.

On the following Friday 03/07, more than a week after the City Hall meeting Nancy began to inquire why insurance had been acquired. Not until Sunday night did she admit to never having read the contract nor taken the time to ask questions the previous week. It was a two-page contract and cover letter.

As Jerry would say, "to make a long story short" on Monday 03/10, after a weekend of e-mail jousting, I saw Nancy and she accused my parents of bringing me up the wrong way because I speak loudly. I've never known two harder working people who lived their entire lives for their family and I miss them dearly. Nancy said her motives for fighting for the extra spaces for Calvin and Pat was to be nice. Please check out the web site and the archives of newsletters and videos over the past year.

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Shortly there will be a Blog related to "Urban Experiment at Work Park"; anyone will be welcome to comment on our wonderful process and a good time can be had by all. <a href="https://www.TAI-CHI-ONE.com">https://www.TAI-CHI-ONE.com</a>.

In the meantime, in between time we wait and hope that fairness and some sense of balance prevails, otherwise the Unit South Durham Homestead Houses, Inc. a 501(c)4 non-profit Association is doomed to failure. The sense of community over the long term begins right outside your doorstep with the gutters in front of your house and it has nothing to do with the number of cars you can squeeze into a neighborhood to block the view of this little pocket park which is the only reason there is parking in the first place.

Spring is nearly here. Nancy is one of the gardeners and she does a good job—gardening. We do need a meeting for enforceable rules and penalties since some already refuse to pay in a timely manner—and by-laws if there is any reason to have a solid, responsible organization.

