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Mayor

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City Administrator

March 14, 1989

Dr. Max Lennon
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Clemson, South Carolina 29634-5000

Dear Max:

I trust things are well with you and Ruth, and I look forward to seeing you soon. With your permission, I would very much like to assign to the Joint University/City Committee, the task of studying the University's possible annexation into the City. As I've previously stated I do not see this so much as an annexation, but as a "friendly merger."

Obviously there are many details to work out, but I feel we can accomplish this to the mutual benefit of both entities. If we can work it out by April of 1990, we can then benefit from the upcoming census, thus insuring a significant payoff in dollars and services.

In the City's recent Land Use Survey, 88% of our constituents spoke in favor of the consolidation of City and University services. This tells me a great deal about what our people desire. The precedent is established, and we can only go forward in further improving the quality of life of the "Greater Clemson" community.

I truly believe that the Joint Committee is the body to initiate this section, as they have certainly served us well in many different areas. With their insight and expertise, I am confident that they can derive a plan where nobody sacrifices, but only gains.

I look forward to your response in this matter, as we both continue our quest to make this community an exemplary "town-gown" partnership. Thanks for your continuing support and service, and give my best to your lovely wife.

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With ongoing feelings of partnership and teamwork, I am,

Sincerely,



Larry W. Abernathy
Mayor

LWA/nh

cc: Catherine Smith
City Council
Gen. Hugh Clausen

Boys' Life



Joint City University Committee

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June 12, 1989

Ms. Donna Robinson, City Executive
South Carolina National Bank
PO Box 832
Clemson, S.C. 29633

Re: Joint City/University
Dinner - Land Use
Report

Dear Donna,

As you requested, Gary Campbell and I have combined our table conversations regarding Land Use/Planning Issues into the following written report.

The most important point that was made by both tables was that COMMUNICATION between the two (2) entities was necessary and has been a problem in the past. One particular comment was the annexation efforts of the City which included University lands (long-range plan) without contacting the University. Also, that the City/University had appeared to be dealing with the Highway Department separately with agendas that conflicted and continued to stop support from the Highway Department for both entities!!

The comment was made that the University had a vast amount of land and that there was a public perception that this land could be developed without restrictions. It was noted that this land has federal restrictions and that the University was the steward of the land. We concluded that the City and University could work together to develop this land for recreation purposes to benefit the entire community. Also, the University is looking at ways to develop this land through an internal assessment.

Another conclusion was that the City should present its long-range master plan for growth to the University's Land Use Committee and vice-versa so that there would be no surprises and each could respond to the plans.

Beautification was discussed at both tables with the conclusion being that the City should review the "Campus Spine" and coordinate their beautification efforts in

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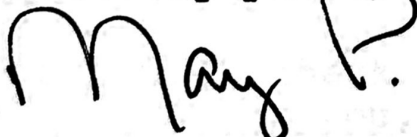
downtown as well as other parts of the City. It was evident that both tables had a concern that the City not allow Highway 93 to turn into another Highway 123 and that design control would be very important.

We concluded our discussion with a major impact issue, that of housing. Citizen comments regarding the need for the City to provide housing for the University, was the City adequately providing safe housing and the fact that even if housing were developed on campus, that the City would still be impacted and have to provide for the new students without receiving any revenue. A conclusion was drawn that the City and the University were communicating well in this area and that we work together to look at shuttle services, public transportation, bicycle paths and security for students.

In summation, many areas of future needs were discussed with some interesting conclusions. As stated in the opening paragraph, we MUST communicate regarding land use and planning and forget that we have boundaries which divide, and think of the community as a whole.

If you need further information from Gary or me please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary P." with a large, stylized initial "P" at the end.

MARY FINLEY POORE, Discussion Leader
Joint City/University Advisory Committee

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cc: Gary Campbell