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Subject: Letter regarding Pre-submittal meeting by applicant of The Thomas Building  
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Dear Chairman Hanson,

I am writing on behalf of the Sandy Spring Rural Preservation Consortium (SSARPC) regarding a portion in the Staff Report that discusses a meeting held by the applicant in Sandy Spring Case 120090230 (Thomas Building, Goddard School.)

In the Citizen Correspondence and Issues section, it was noted that during a Pre-submittal Meeting held by the applicant, no one attended. We are aware that kind of a statement sometimes reflects the barometer of a community in reaction to a proposed plan and we feel very strongly that it is important for you to know that we were unaware of that meeting and certainly would have attended if we had received notification.

The mailing list (see attached) that sent notice announcing this meeting did not include our group, even though we can definitely say they we were interested parties to this matter. (See our website at [www.ssarpc.org](http://www.ssarpc.org) for a catalog of letters and actions on this issue) As a matter of fact, the day that the meeting was held, we had just concluded two days of testimony in the DPA of this same property along with the applicant. Clearly, we are concerned parties to this issue.

We wanted to make sure that you knew that we have been following the progress of this proposed plan even before the initial Planning Board hearing on November 13, 2008 and have similarly given testimony to the County Council, Hearing Examiner and the Historic Preservation Commission this case.

Please do not use the summary in the Staff Report as a reason to move forward with this project and know that we would have been there had we known about it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Layton and Donna Selden  
Co-chairs Sandy Spring Ashton Rural Preservation Consortium