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Subject: Re: Youth Villages/Germaine Lawrence

Nora,

Thank you for reaching out on this matter and for your proactive approach to managing the change to come. I completely agree that a dialogue and partnership between the Town, the neighborhood and other involved stakeholders is the best path forward.

Since learning of the news of the impending closure of the school, I have reached out to the leadership of Youth Villages to request a meeting and I have also started working to schedule a meeting with representatives from the Order of Saint Anne. I am hopeful that I can get these meetings scheduled for the very near future. At this point, I think it is critical to gain an understanding of Youth Villages' position on the future of the property, so that we can develop the Town's position accordingly.

As for your immediate questions, I can tell you that the entirety of the property is zoned R-1, which means that it is zoned for single family homes. Regarding your additional question about the placement of the young women being transitioned, I will ask Christine Bongiorno to work with the leadership of the AYCC to draft an answer based on what they know at this point.

Regarding Thursday's meeting, I will work to see if the Town can have someone in attendance and if not, I will certainly make sure that we provide you with the latest information we have prior to the meeting.

Thank you again for your proactive work on this, and I look forward to working with you as it progresses.

Best,
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Dear Neighbors and Colleagues - this is being written to our Select Board, Town Manager, the Chair and Vice-chair of the ARB and a few others on behalf of the community affected by the impending closing of Youth Villages/Germaine Lawrence:

Many of us have been neighbors of YV for years - in my case, over 26 years of seeing the campus grow and change and being honored to live near a place that served the most vulnerable young people with such care and professionalism.

The neighbors were informed recently that YV was closing - the girls being placed elsewhere and the staff losing their jobs. In terms of the Sisters of St. Anne, their property, and the use/disposition of the rest of the property - there is uncertainty.

We are holding a community meeting this Thursday 7:00pm, at the Park Avenue Congregational Church and you are all invited to come. We think it would be valuable to work together with our town leadership as one, strong, committed community so we can address all the concerns and unknowns most effectively.

If, in the interim, it would be great if someone from Planning could provide us with information on the current zoning and if anyone from the Health Department or the Arlington Youth Consultation Center (AYCC) has information on the plans for the young women for whom this may be their only safe home.

Please feel free to reach out to this small, initial group - we're all copied in the To: line

We look forward to working with the town and with YV as this process moves forward.

Thank you

Nora Mann (on behalf of a neighborhood group in formation)