

# **GARBERS**

1275 Garbers Church Road  
Harrisonburg, Va. 22801



**Church of the Brethren**

February 23, 2023

To: Harrisonburg City Council Members

This is to reaffirm our conversations from Garbers Church of the Brethren congregation about the proposed plans for the new Bluestone Town Center housing project to be located at Erickson Avenue and Garbers Church Road.

As a two-hundred year old church with an existing historical 1800's cemetery located on the property where the future building site is to take place, we are desiring to ensure with great importance that much care and protection are given from everyone involved, to preserve this sacred place and grounds at the present time and for future generations to come.

Some of our concerns are as follows:

- 1.) Possible damage from the developer to the already delicate historical state of the tombstones located in the cemetery due to blasting.
- 2.) There are unmarked graves outside the perimeter of the existing fence around the cemetery that is of question and needs to be investigated further to be determined.
- 3.) Ample lighting and fencing around the cemetery plans.
- 4.) Access roads and main entry to the cemetery and vandalism occurring.
- 5.) Possibility of damage to our established 1822 Garbers Church building structure, located at 1275 Garbers Church Road from the developer's blasting and changes in the ground.

We are a church with rich Brethren history, the oldest Church of the Brethren in the Commonwealth, and believe what has been entrusted to us for two-hundred years is worthy of our having a voice in this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kathy Puffenbarger, Pastor  
Larry Packett, Board Chair  
Garbers Church of the Brethren

Submitted by: Sue Atkins, Clerk

## **Pamela S. Ulmer**

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**From:** Adam Fletcher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:45 PM  
**To:** Pamela S. Ulmer  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning, affordable housing and how to get involved

Pam,  
See below. This individual replied (in a separate email) that they would like to have their first email shared with City Council regarding the Bluestone Town Center. I thought it would be most helpful, however, to also include my email response for further context.

Thanks,  
Adam

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**From:** Adam Fletcher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:12 PM  
**To:** Yolo Moonsh-Adow <yolo@ourcommunityplace.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Rezoning, affordable housing and how to get involved

Hi Yolo,  
My apologies for my delayed response. Your email did not make it directly to my inbox, but rather went to my junk mail folder.

You reference below being in support of a rezoning and the subject of your rezoning references affordable housing, thus I presume you are speaking about the project known as the Bluestone Town Center. There is a work session today that begins at 5:30 p.m. within City Council Chambers at City Hall. The rezoning will also be discussed during the regular City Council meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m. You can also stream the meeting by utilizing the following link to the City Council agendas: <https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/agendas>. Click on the blue icon that includes a screen and a gavel. Once you make it to the agendas page, click on the link under the Video section for the February 28, 2023 date.

You can also click on the agenda link, which will open as a PDF. Within the PDF there are multiple attachments, which includes a great deal of information about the project, including, among other things, the staff report and the master plan layouts for the project.

Did you want me to share your email with City Council for the project? At this point, staff has already made our presentations and offered our recommendations on the project to both Planning Commission and City Council. It is now up to City Council to decide to approve or deny the request.

If you need to schedule a meeting with me for any matters, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Adam

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**From:** Yolo Moonsh-Adow <yolo@ourcommunityplace.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:47 AM  
**To:** Adam Fletcher <Adam.Fletcher@harrisonburgva.gov>  
**Subject:** Rezoning, affordable housing and how to get involved

**WARNING: This email was sent from outside of your organization.**

Hi Mr. Fletcher,

My name is Yolo and I'm a newer employee at OCP. My role specializes in special projects and community care. My understanding is that you're the person with whom I should be speaking to regarding the potential rezoning and such in Harrisonburg.

I wanted to let you know that at OCP we're very much behind and advocating for the rezoning. I was also hoping you had some time in your schedule for me to set up a meeting so I can learn more about where we are in the process, how we can support this and just get a better overall understanding.

Please feel free to reach out if this would work for you.

Thank you so much,

Yolo Moonsh-Adow

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