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**Re: Ten-bed Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded**

Dear Ouida:

Thank you for telephoning me this morning to report on last night's Jonesboro City Council meeting. I am sorry to have been the source of confusion and lack of information to you, Mayor Brodell, and the Aldermen, and will personally express my apologies to all concerned when next I am in Jonesboro.

As we discussed this morning, the letter I wrote Mayor Brodell on May 3, explaining the purpose of the public hearing I had requested be scheduled for May 22, must have been lost in the mail. I have today sent a copy to you by facsimile, and I enclose a clean copy with this letter. I had completely forgotten that in Jonesboro the Council sets all public hearings, so I failed to check with you or the Mayor by telephone to make sure you had all the information necessary for the Council to do so at last night's meeting.

As the Council would like to set aside 30 minutes for the public hearing, and thus have it start at 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:15, I must request that the public hearing be postponed until the Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 4. Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code requires that not less than 14 days' notice be given of the time and place of the public hearing, so the notice will have to be republished, setting

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forth the new time. I will send a new notice to the Jonesboro Sun, and will copy you.

I hope this helps to clear things up. I have a keen appreciation for how necessary it is for elected officials to have accurate and timely information in order to properly exercise their responsibilities, and regret that I inadvertently kept you, the Mayor, and the Aldermen in the dark about the purpose of the public hearing I had requested.

By the way, I have been told that the Council has already approved the zoning for the facility proposed to be financed at the site mentioned in the public hearing notice. Messrs. Richard Bedell (the developer) and Skip Mooney, his attorney, made the request for the zoning.

I look forward to seeing you on June 4.

Very truly yours,

  
M. Jane Dickey

MJD/shm

Enclosure

cc: ✓ Mayor Hubert Brodell  
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