



## DAVID AND GLADYS WRIGHT HOUSE FOUNDATION

Dear Councilman DiCiccio:

This letter is an open letter to you, the residents of Arcadia, and the Mayor and members of the Phoenix City Council. After giving your suggestion that we meet with the committee you are forming to discuss the David and Gladys Wright House a great deal of thought, we have decided not to participate at this time. Our reasons are several-fold:

First, the committee has nothing to discuss. No applications have been filed, the future intended uses have not been finalized, nor have we finalized the technical form of the application. At this time, integral details simply are not finalized. However, the Wright House is being preserved by the David and Gladys Wright House Foundation, a non-profit organization, the only goal of which is to celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright's last residential masterpiece and inspire future generations to appreciate his legacy. Creating a committee to debate nothing but speculation is not a productive use of anyone's time.

Second, the outcome of the committee's efforts appears to be pre-ordained to fail. The majority of the names of the members you nominated to serve on the committee are all outspoken opponents who have already made abundantly clear that they oppose our efforts to preserve and celebrate the Wright House. In fact, the only solution with which we have been presented is to move the house to another location. Frankly, we do not understand why a committee is being created at this early juncture except to satisfy the hyperbolic clamoring of a small group of homeowners. It also bears reminding that many of these same homeowners were ardent in their support to save the Wright House until our client actually wanted to save the Wright House.

Third, some of the members you nominated to serve on the committee have spent the last several months maligning our client's character and motives. They have created websites, brochures, and letters which misrepresent the facts related to the Wright House. As one example, the Wright House will not be a commercial enterprise. Our client cannot be expected to participate with a committee knowing full well, based on previous experience, that whatever is said is likely to be distorted, misrepresented, and then posted on a website or mailed in a brochure.

Fourth, our client's use of the property, which is far from determined, cannot be dictated by a tyranny of the minority, which is what is occurring now. Contrary to what most of the committee members would have everyone believe, we have received overwhelming support from neighbors, visitors, citizens, and tourists. If and when our client finalizes plans and submits applications for the Wright House, we will be happy to sit down with neighbors and discuss their concerns, as we would be required to do, but not under the circumstances you have proposed. In the meantime, our immediate goal is to simply rehabilitate and preserve the existing structure.

This list is not exhaustive. There are myriad reasons not to participate with the committee until applications are filed. Until that time, we will all just be "spinning our wheels." Our client remains committed to preserving the Wright House and Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy. Our client has extended, and continues to extend, an open invitation for anyone to make an appointment and schedule a personal tour of the house and grounds so that they can see for themselves the effort and expense our client has expended in order to restore the house and grounds for future generations.

Best Regards,

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