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July 11, 2011

To: Cardlyn Cooper

From: Will Graves, Community Activist (407) 673-7883

Dear Cardlyn:

You have my permission to read this letter aloud to the
July 11, 2011 Winter Park City Commission meeting attendees
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I want to apologize to all Winter Park citizens even
though "I didn't write those words and have yet to receive a copy
of the mailer in question." Please listen very carefully to what
I am about to say... This is America. No one has the right to abuse
government power by taking defamatory action against an individual
without the facts and without the individual in question even being
notified to make an appearance in his or her defense. It's outrageous,
highly partisan abuse of power, period.

The only statements you can count on being factual are
found in the eight page handwritten response found at wpmobserver.com.
Unfortunately, there have been some erroneous press reports regarding
this matter.

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Two elections ago, I stayed on the sidelines. I didn't even write anything. This past election, I stayed on the sidelines... until I received a phone call from Beth Dillaha regarding the same type of matter that has been sent by both sides of various issues in Winter Park over the years. In a matter of seconds, not minutes, I ok'd (sight unseen) the addition of the following words to Beth Dillaha's mailer... "Will Graves, Founder, Friends of Winter Park, 3048D George Mason Ave., Winter Park, Florida 32792 Phone: 407-673-7883." I'm the anti-anonymous guy. I had never seen the mailer. I didn't write the language. I had nothing to do with that mailer being conceived, produced or mailed. I simply trusted an expert, who had been very familiar with election rules due to her successful candidacy as a Winter Park City Commissioner, to add my name, title, address, and phone number which exceeds what any reasonable person would consider full disclosure anyway. When Winter Park residents hear or see the name, Will Graves, they know that my name means "opposes all outrageous overdevelopment." And they know that I would never sign myself with anyone who feels differently. This was not an anonymous mailer. Now that Beth Dillaha has been quoted in The Observer as saying "it was her desire for the people that paid for the mailer to remain anonymous," it shouldn't be long before all the facts are known, which is why a rush to judge is premature and entirely uncalled for. And to target me as part of a resolution

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When I've been targeted with a S.L.A.P.P. lawsuit, am not represented by an attorney, and am an innocent victim in this mess is more than enough. It's cruel and ruthless.

For the last several months, I have been in talks with West Winter Park leaders regarding an unpaid leadership role that would be honorary and would involve an election. We're still in the discussion stage. Should the actions of the Winter Park City Commission, or anyone else for that matter, work to the detriment of West Winter Park, with a preponderance of African-American residents who have suffered from unchecked displacement and gentrification, realizing their destiny, there will be hell to pay. Ditto for East Winter Park residents whose values call for unique scenic quality, architectural heritage, and historic character and not outrageous overdevelopment.

With exceptions noted, where were you people several years ago when an anonymous mailer investigation led an investigator to surmise that a \$47,000 check might have been related to a Winter Park election? Where was your outrage? With exceptions noted, where were you people when someone impersonated me and forged my signature in a letter to Nathaniel Reed regarding Winter Park elections?

I consider an unwarranted attack on my sterling reputation to be an act of war, you've been warned.

Sincerely,
Will
William M. Graves, Jr.
Community Activist