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To: City of Gainesville Commissioners

Hello:

You may recall that some months ago I spoke on behalf of the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre at a City Commission meeting . My purpose was to share with you our interest in establishing a theatre and community art center in the proposed Depot Ave. Park.

The Gainesville Community Playhouse is planning to build a new theatre on its present site, and has offered to give the current building to the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre. This building was originally located in downtown Gainesville and served as a site for the Women's Club. It has historic significance. We are in the process of exploring and making plans for the move. We hope this will be a site in the Depot Ave.Park area.

It is our plan to retain the current theatre site in the Baird Center, and to use the new site and building for additional theatre programs and also as a full time community arts center with programs for youth and adults in the various arts disciplines. The Acrosstown Repertory Theater is especially dedicated to multi-cultural opportunities in theater for members of our community. The theater is open to all and offers theatrical and educational experiences for which there are no other venues in our area.

Through our connection with the Gainesville Association for Creative Arts, we are in a position to offer a variety of diverse programs. The facility could also serve as meeting space for community functions.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss with you in greater detail, our proposal and plans

Sincerely,



Doris Bardon, Board Member

Acrosstown Repertory Theatre
Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts