

January 7, 2005

Mrs. Karen Slevin, Director  
Community Redevelopment Agency  
5<sup>th</sup> Ave / Pleasant Street Districts  
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Gainesville, FL 32602-0490

Dear Karen,

My name is Richard Blakeslee and I am a graduate student in Architecture at the University of Florida. As per the formal process of implementing any new program or idea, I would like the opportunity to present the idea to the local community.

Therefore, I would like to be placed on the meeting agenda for the upcoming (Jan 25, 2005) meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave/Pleasant Street Council. I would like to present a new proposal to the members of the committee, for their approval and input?

Specifically, I am proposing to begin a design/build studio at the University of Florida, and would like to incorporate the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave community as part of that process and ultimately the beneficiaries of the results.

I will be presenting the following:

**What specifically is a design build studio?**

**What my intentions for the studio/project are?**

**Why the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue district?**

**What are the benefits of a program like this to the community?**

I look forward to presenting this idea to you and the council. I believe that this could be a real asset to Gainesville as a whole. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the following 352-281-4852, or at [rfb3@ufl.edu](mailto:rfb3@ufl.edu).

Respectfully,

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