March 25, 2002

Dear Commissioner:

This letter was received by the Glen Springs Preservation Association, Inc. from Ms. Scott. Since it was too late to include it in the packet of information regarding Walnut Creek that was given to you on March 15, 2002, we would to add this additional correspondence.

Sincerely,
Bonnie O'Brien
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Glen Springs Preservation Association, Inc.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Public Works Department

March 13, 2002

Dear Ms. Dame:

I received your letter dated March 7 regarding our meeting of March 6, 2002. In attendance at this meeting were you, Mr. Dame, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Reck (by telephone), Rick Melzer and me. The purpose of our meeting as I understood it, was to allow you and others an opportunity to present information to me related to your concerns with the stormwater management plan being proposed by the developer of Walnut Creek. At the meeting, I drew no conclusions on the information that you shared; accuracy or inaccuracy of information disputed during the administrative hearing with SJRWMD and did not conclude that the City's standard of review is higher than that of the SJRWMD. I do agree that the City's design storm is different than the WMD.

In regard to the need for an independent advisory opinion, the direction provided to me was for my department to review the plan and provide a written report back to the Manager. You stated at the City Commission meeting on February 25 that there was no one in the Public Works Department with expertise to review the proposed stormwater management plan. This is not an accurate statement. The Public Works Department has eight registered professional engineers, six of which are capable of reviewing the proposed stormwater management plan and determining whether it meets the City's criteria. Since the proposed plan has not yet been approved by the Public Works Department I see no justification for paying for an outside opinion on the plan's adequacy.

At no time in our meeting did I state that the city depends on SJRWMD to review and analyze the data. I have at no time stated that the city has a practice of deferring to the WMD for review. It is the WMD's responsibility to review a proposed plan to determine whether it meets their criteria and it is the City's responsibility to review a proposed plan to determine whether it meets the City's criteria.

As I understood from our meeting the group had three primary concerns and that if these concerns could be addressed the people in attendance at the meeting would be satisfied. These concerns were:

1) No overflow of water from the proposed stormwater basins in Walnut Creek will flow on to Hidden Pines property, and
2) There will not be an increase in the rate of discharge from the site to the creek; so that there will not be an increase in erosion in the creek; and
3) The impervious/pervious surface calculations must be accurate.

My staff and I are currently reviewing the entire plan and design parameters and will prepare a report to the City Manager/City Attorney prior to the March 25 City Commission meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call me at 334-5070.

Sincerely,

Teresa Scott, P.E.,
Director of Public Works

Cc: City Manager, Wayne Bowers
City Attorney, Marion Radson
Community Development Director, Tom Saunders
Civil Engineer II, Rick Melzer, P.E.