

February 27, 2024

To the Mayor and Council, Town of Washington Grove

I wholeheartedly support your decision tonight to deal with the five recently proposed RASEC recommendations in depth at a special Council meeting. Hopefully this time extension will encourage more neighbors to express their feelings to Council, a key ingredient to aid thoughtful decision-making.

The discussion tonight leaves me deeply troubled, sleepless, and worried about the spirit of the community where I live.

I studied town history for the 150th. Roy McCathran was a good man. Phil's book is quite clear on this. Joan's recollections support this profile of a man who put Washington Grove first. I didn't know Mayor Roy, of course, but I did know his son Don, my dad's best friend and Mayor 1977-1981. Don possessed a wide knowledge of the town and was happy to share the details. Like his dad, Don knew how music and athletics (tennis for Don) fostered friendships and healthy communication, values we need so much today.

I'd hate to strike "McCathran" from McCathran Hall. This is surgery without an illness.

Sincerely,
Meredith Horan