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Mr. Fred Nichols
Ashton Meeting Place Development
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

It is with anticipated excitement that our congregational community at Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church awaits the commencement, but more importantly the completion of the Ashton Meeting Place development.

I believe the benefits and valuation of the Ashton Meeting Place project transcends the perceptions that it will somehow diminish the communal life and spirit in our unique community. History demonstrates that with any phase of progress, there are undoubtedly some members who will be dissuaded by their perceptions of discomfort and/or a loss of the familiar. However, time and experience teaches that when there is clarity and intentionality regarding the purpose of a project, like the Ashton Meeting Place, then the discomfort usually is won over by the overwhelming and uncontroverted benefits of the project.

While all may not ascribe to this point of view, I want to affirm and endorse the Ashton Meeting Place project. I believe it will significantly add to the sustainability and viability of our community.

Best regards,

Gary L. Wimbish
Executive Pastor for Administration
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