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Subject: Re: Governance Committee
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Hello Vivian,

A week has gone by since I sent my email below to you and the UPRD BoS. I have not had a reply from anybody. One BoS meeting I listened in to a couple of months back included a very lengthy and in-depth 40-minute discussion about emails sent to the BoS and who should respond to them etc. Seems like nothing has come of this discussion.

To reiterate my questions;

1. Why was my application to serve on the Governance Committee incorrectly and arbitrarily removed without my say so and why didn't anybody ask me before action was taken?
2. This question is extremely important because the email report circulated to residents by UPCC summarizing the events of the August 11th UPRD BoS meeting stated that the BoS did not appoint members to the Governance Committee because they didn't have enough volunteers to fill the five positions. However, if my name had not been removed from consideration then there would have been five applications sufficient to fill the five seats. Please comment on this.
3. Even if there were only four applications for the available five seats why were those four not appointed? Surely another volunteer could be added later to the already up and running committee. There is much precedence for such a situation. In fact, it was reported that a Supervisor proposed that another email be sent out soliciting more applications for the Governance Committee. You can see why this is causing me great concern. It looks like the BoS doesn't want to accept a fair cross section of residents who apply for these committees but wants to keep soliciting for applicants until they get the ones they want. Anybody who has been in business or politics knows that having just 'yes wo/men' advising them is as good as having no advice at all. The important thing is to have independent thinkers working with the BoS to keep everyone within the guard rails. Your thoughts?

PS. As a word of advice; I frequent the Varsity Club and Cafe Bar, and I am hearing increasing disquiet from residents about the way things are being managed and how money is being spent. The BoS might consider spending some time circulating among residents and hearing what they have to say - not just on formal occasions when they get 3 minutes to speak with no back-and-forth discussion.

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On Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 01:22:48 AM EDT, Steve Parkinson <stevepknsn@aol.com> wrote:

Hello Vivian,

Your email leaves me very confused and very distressed and rather angry. What email did you receive that led you to the conclusion that I was withdrawing my application for the Governance Committee? As I informed you in the voicemail I left you on Friday, I was applying to be a member of both Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) and the Governance Committee (GC).

I have seen nothing from the UPRD BoS or from your organization stating that a resident can only be considered for appointment to only one committee. Surely upon receipt of my application to be considered for the SPC it was not your place to just assume that I was no longer interested in being a part of the GC? If there was doubt in your mind on this subject you should have called me to clarify the situation, not just jump to a conclusion that now transpires to be totally wrong.

As I read the email that summarizes the proceedings of the UPRD BoS meeting last week, the reason given by the BoS for the GC members not being confirmed was that there were not enough volunteers for the committee. I know that with my application there were in fact 5 volunteers for the 5 positions. So, if I am reading the summary report correctly and if the reason given for the non-appointment of the committee members (and this is a BIG IF - frankly I don't believe a word of it) if my application had not erroneously been removed from consideration, there would have been 5 volunteers for the 5 positions and the committee would have been confirmed. That is exactly how the summary of the meeting reads.

Instead, the BoS decided NOT to appoint anybody and send out another request for volunteers.....are you kidding!!! Why didn't they appoint the 4 volunteers they had and then search for a fifth???? After all the SPC had only 4 members prior to the meeting until a fifth member, Beth Wolchock was appointed. On that matter, I am formally requesting that you send to me Beth Wolchock's application statement that she submitted to be considered for appointment to the SPC - I had to submit such a statement (which you are welcome to share with anybody who asks) so she must have had to submit a similar document. I would like to understand what experience and qualifications that she has for the role that makes her application superior to mine. This will help me with future applications.

I have to tell you, and I encourage you to discuss this email with the BoS, that I have felt that Dean Matt has perhaps become a bit unfair towards the new BoS in that they shouldn't bear the guilt of the previous BoS in terms of whether they are dealing fairly and whether they are truly representing the homeowners of UPCC in their actions and activities, but when I read that suddenly out of nowhere without my say-so my application is arbitrarily removed and the BoS fails to appoint the other 4 applicant

because.....what? there weren't enough applicants when there really were especially now that I have informed you that my application was always real and good.....and now I read that they wish to solicit more volunteers.....REALLY???? Get this straight....we are not idiots living here. This whole thing reads like the BoS (or certain of them) want to be able to 'cherry pick' who serves on these committees and they will keep soliciting applications until they get the ones they want - look at how long the 5th BoS seat has been vacant while there have been several applicants for weeks. That in my book does not constitute fair and balanced representation of ALL of the residents of UPCC.

To the UPRD BoS - take a good look at what is happening in NYC with Mayor Mamdani's policies. You start incurring more and more assessments and taxes for residents without giving them fair and balanced representation and house prices will indeed be affected.....they will go rocketing downwards even more rapidly than they already are because everybody who believes in fairness and democracy will start bailing out of this place and moving to other places they do get fair democracy and not this absurd gaslighting we get here.

Maybe Dean wasn't wrong after all!!

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On Friday, August 14, 2026 at 10:30:07 AM EDT, Vivian Carvalho <carvalhov@pfm.com> wrote:

Good morning, Steve,

Thank you for your email. Regarding your inquiry about the withdrawal from the governor's committee — based on an email I received in response to the call for volunteers for the strategic planning committee, I was under the impression that you were interested in the strategic planning committee open seat rather than the governance committee.

Please let this email serve as confirmation that you remain interested in serving on the governance committee. We will ensure that your name is included among the candidates when the board addresses governance committee appointments at the September 25th meeting.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

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From: Steve Parkinson <stevepknsn@aol.com>
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Hello Vivian,

I have been out of town for the last few days and consequently missed the UPRD BoS meeting.

It was told to me by someone who was in attendance at that meeting that you reported to the board that I had withdrawn my volunteer offer to serve on the UPRD Governance Committee.

If it is true that you said this, then I don't know why you think that to be the case or who might have told you this. The fact is that I have not withdrawn my offer to serve on the Governance Committee. Would you please correct this situation with the BoS so that my offer can be reinstated. Please confirm receipt of this email. Many thanks.

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Steve Parkinson wrote:

Hello Vivian, I am pleased to see that there is a vacancy on the UPRD Strategic Planning Committee. I would like to submit my application for consideration for the position. You may know from my previous activities including my candidacy for the position of Supervisor of the UPRD in the 2024 election where I came a close fourth out of six candidates for three seats on the UPRD. I received

605 votes which shows I have the respect of a large number of UPCC residents. Having been a successful bus...

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