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March 7, 2014

Dear Lowden Area Neighbor:

I am writing to update you about recent developments regarding the former Lowden School Property. As you are aware, since the elementary school's closing and demolition, the property has been owned and maintained by the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District and the City has no control over the potential sale of the property.

On January 27, 2014 the School District communicated their intent to put the land up for auction and the School District published a legal notice in the Sun Messenger in early February. The auction date was set for March 7, 2014 at Noon with a minimum bid amount of \$400,000. Over the past several months, the City has been contacted by a handful of developers interested in looking into the potential of creating independent senior housing (55 and older) on the site. These developers were notified that the City did not own the property and were referred to the School District.

**This afternoon we were informed that there were no bidders for the property at the School District's requested minimum bid amount. As a result, the Superintendent has notified us that they will be meeting in the near future with the School Board to discuss and determine how they want to move forward and what, if any, steps they will be taking regarding the future sale of the land.**

If the land is eventually sold by the School District, any new development will require public meetings and approvals from our Boards and Commissions, and potentially City Council. The land is zoned residential, and it is our intention to keep it residential.

If the School District sells the property, we will notify you by mail of the proposed plans and the process for public review and input with the City's Boards & Commissions. In addition, we will also request that the prospective housing developer hold a Neighborhood Meeting to discuss their proposed plans with residents so that you can provide input and share any concerns. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 216-381-0400 or [mayor@seuclid.com](mailto:mayor@seuclid.com). In addition, information will be updated on a regular basis on our website at [www.cityofsoutheuclid.com](http://www.cityofsoutheuclid.com). Click the "CURRENT PROJECTS" link on our webpage.

New housing helps increase neighboring housing values and is a sign of positive investment in our community. As the process moves forward, we look forward to working with you to ensure that any potential new housing meets the unique character of the historic Lowden, Princeton & Greenvale neighborhoods and keeps South Euclid a great Place to Call Home!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Georgine Welo".

Georgine Welo, Mayor