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DATE: July 2, 2009
TO: MPC Board
FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Carolina Stevedoring (DBA SSA Cooper)
1619 Rogers Street

The MPC has been working for a number of years with the Hudson Hill Neighborhood Association to improve the quality of life for residents. As you know, Hudson Hill is a historic neighborhood that was developed at a time when residents lived close to the industries where they were employed. The resultant land use conflicts are one of the most difficult challenges facing our community.

In the spring of 2009, the City cited several property owners whose properties violated the screening provisions of the zoning ordinance. The intent of the citations was to call attention to the condition of properties and to encourage property owners to develop long- range plans for improvements to both industrial and residential properties.

Mr. John Walsh of Carolina Stevedoring responded more quickly than the City required and went above and beyond the requirements of the ordinance. The company's response not only set a high standard for the other property owners, but more importantly, it established a model for the residents to consider when evaluating whether industrial and residents could coexist.

Carolina Stevedoring response has already paid dividends in the MPC staff's attempts to develop a plan for Hudson Hill that includes the residential, industrial, and commercial components. The staff will continue to work with the residents and industries to develop a plan and a rezoning proposal that the Board will be asked to consider later this summer.

We think it appropriate to recognize Carolina Stevedoring publicly for their outstanding response that will make our job much easier and that will result in a more effective plan for this important part of Savannah.

Please call me at 651-1446 if you have any questions.

TLT/mg
cc: John Walsh, Carolina Stevedoring