

Dear Ms. Gale,

Thank you for giving the neighbors of the vacant lot at 2629 Kimberley Road a chance to express concern over the splitting of one lot into two.

Mrs. Meiland was my neighbor for 20 years before she decided to move. Many times over that 20 years she stated that the reason she and her husband bought the lot when it came up for sale was so there would not be another house built there. At the time they also owned the vacant at 2600 Kimberley adjoining mine at 2520. After her husband's death, Mrs. Meiland sold the lot at 2600 and the new owners, Joe Heilman, got a variance to build a huge house there. It is a beautiful house with plenty of yard and trees and does not encroach on 2520 because of a rather large easement for a city drain between the two properties.

I now understand that Joe Heilman is the person helping Mrs. Meiland in dealings with the city. Since I have not talked directly with Joe, I can only assume he is also the one convincing her to have the lot divided. Not only can Mrs. Meiland get more money for two lots instead of one, but as a contractor, Joe will be able to build TWO houses. With the lots not meeting current city standard widths (60 feet), the "proposed" two homes will be so close to the houses on the north and south sides, that there would appear to be nothing more than an alley between them.

Currently this lot also has green space with beautiful fruit trees and green grass that would be missed by all the neighbors. We also have a dirt road here that has periodic problems. With two houses being built on narrow lots, the run-off of rainwater will only make the situation worse. Currently, I have never seen any run-off even after a huge rainstorm because the trees and green space can absorb it. Not only the water situation is a concern, but also the extra traffic on a dirt road. I believe the home owners and three current renters on Kimberley love the street because of less traffic, no sidewalks, no streetlights, etc... It is a bit of "wilderness" within the city and that is the charm of the neighborhood.

Honestly, what I would like to see is that the city buy it and leave it as a "green space". Other than mowing the grass, there is no upkeep on the property. I have also expressed to a couple neighbors that if it is a hardship for Mrs. Meiland to keep the property, a number of us could go together to pay the taxes (about \$1500/year) and keep it the way it is. I personally would mow it!

In reality, I am sure the lot will be sold at some point, either by Mrs. Meiland or her heirs, and the neighbors won't have anything to say about it. If it is sold now, I would be in agreement to having it kept as one lot with one house. I am totally opposed to having a beautiful green lot with trees and "space" being divided and having two homes built so close to existing structures, and I think Mrs. Meiland would also be opposed to this if she were still living across the street from it, as she did for many years.

Thank you,

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