

2250 Ann Arbor – Saline Rd Project

(200 Lambeth Dr Project)

Advisory Development Committee Meeting

May 9, 2014

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Ken Timmer and with me is my wife Phyllis Timmer. I am a former candidate for city council and Phyllis served on the Park Advisory board for 6 years. We have lived at 2112 Ascot Rd, the street that Lambeth Dr connects to in the Lansdowne subdivision since 1975.

We are here today to voice our objection to the subject project having any connection to Lambeth Dr and have a petition signed by all the residents of Ascot Rd requesting that this aspect of the project be deleted.

Lambeth, Ascot and all the adjoining streets were designed for and have been used exclusively for the residential traffic of the homes that exist there. It is abhorrent to even consider that a high density project putting 75 – 150 cars onto these streets would be considered. All of any traffic from Lambeth would need to turn onto Ascot, a short curved street with considerable on-street parking and a mixture of young families with children, working adults and older persons. It is a small neighborhood microcosm of walkers, children playing, older adults, numerous pets; all living together on a quiet residential street, as it was intended to be and has been for nearly 50 years.

We find it surprising that the city would even consider a project that would add a 5 acre parcel zoned as R4B permitting multifamily development to the tune of 75 units into such a neighborhood. This project is titled 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, but this is incorrect. As proposed, its address really is 200 Lambeth Dr. This is a Lambeth Dr project proposal with an auxiliary access to AA-Saline Rd. This is totally unacceptable.

This is Ann Arbor, right? The city that puts a very high priority on the safety and well-being of pedestrians, bikers and families. The multiple bike paths and all the yellow signs for pedestrian crossings on streets all over town attest to this fact. A high density development being put in a totally residential neighborhood and creating all the traffic and safety concerns that would result is NOT what Ann Arbor is all about.

I can see that the city might consider rezoning a vacant parcel of land on Ann Arbor-Saline Rd to R4B, but there should be absolutely NO consideration of rezoning such a parcel on Lambeth Dr, and that's what you have here.

Our request is simple...**REMOVE ANY ACCESS TO LAMBETH DR FROM THIS PROJECT !!!**

Thank you for your time.