

To Full Planning Commission Members-

Given the approach taken at the December 2014 Planning Commission meeting, it would be important for each (non-elective) Member to be able to declare that they have visited the 2250 site and understand the complexity and irreversible problems if they accede to the developers intent with regard to rear (western) access to the apartment complex.

It would be inappropriate to await for a Public Meeting for declaration of this sort. Further, the timing of the handout availability prevents public examination of the plan, prevents appropriate analysis, and the apparent dismissal of public remarks puts the process in question.

One example would be the notification of the meeting by post card to only those within 300' of the project. The rear access roads affected are over 1/4 mile- even further to enable stop-light access to Scio Church Road from Lansdowne. (I received a Card and I live on Chaucer; others at 301' and further, who are participating- did not.)

I do not see where the volunteer Commission, representing all of us- had a grasp on the 2250 issue. I do not deny the property owner rights to build to City standards, facing a primary highway, and with due process. Without ulterior motives. Has the Plan changed since the last Public Meeting? It is too late by then to find out.

Each of you are undertaking a difficult public service, and we commend your work and the intent of your work. But, having read the December 2014 minutes, the process has been clearly flawed, and suggests serious bias.

I would be glad to communicate or meet with each of you if you feel obliged. If not, do so in the next Public Meeting, please. Try visitation.

Most Sincerely and Respectfully,
William Higgins (a 48 year resident at 2131 Chaucer, very acquainted with neighborhood problems you may not have)

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Higgins <whiggins27@gmail.com>

Date: July 11, 2015 at 8:32:04 AM EDT

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Subject: Fire access to Proposed Apartment Complex- 2250 A2Saline Road

Mr. Collins- The Planning Commission has produced a statement that the Fire Department does not require a dual access to the subject complex but one would be preferred.

There is considerable neighborhood opposition to allow rear access for any reason, through a established single dwelling neighborhood, thru a wetland, on very difficult topography, when all other businesses fronting on A2Saline Road (UM Clinics, assisted living complex, etc.) are functioning satisfactorily. And that road provides full access to fire and emergency equipment.

If you would examine the developer proposal, you will find that rear access would have to be designed to handle your vehicles- that access would entail Scio, Chaucer, Ascot, Lambeth, a gate, a winding/hilly/narrow service road, and a complexity of routing once arriving from the west (as in turn-arounds, hydrants,etc).

The Developer has admitted that rear access would be a selling point for apartment residents to "cut thru" our 60 year old (Lansdowne) development, thus avoiding the stop light at S.Main and Scio Church Road, as well as game-day barricades.

I and others would appreciate your attention to this- possibly an actual boots-on-ground visit to assess/revise/confirm your previous position. I doubt that any of the Commission members have done so, and that is an important omission in their carrying-out their (non-elective) function. We are complaining to City staff and Council on many aspects of the 2250 proposal.

I hope you will consider this need for a review of the Fire and Emergency position (as published in the December 2014 Planning minutes). Perhaps you would acknowledge our request in time for the Planning Commission Meeting on July 21, 2015? I would be most willing to visit you or assist in any way.

Most Sincerely,

William Higgins 2131 Chaucer Drive 996-9203