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Hi kids!

I see you have before you a property that is total electric.

Bravo.

This is a great start, and Matt and Brett are to be commended into holding the developer to this standard.

No small deal.

It's a start.

Now, what's with the deal of removing all of the landmark trees. Yes, you're keeping three (in critical root zone), but the rest, well, pfft.

As a former planning commissioner of this great city, I look at your combined conduct as current commissioners and staff, and the only thing I can conclude is you guys are at war with trees in Tree City.

Ah, the irony.

I know you guys are hell bent on getting the Comprehensive Plan approved in the most development friendly City Council in Ann Arbor's history (despite having your preferred industry enjoying political superiority in the last twenty years, supremacy in the last five).

But boy howdy you made damn sure a tree ordinance coming through Environmental Commission and possible enhanced natural features protections were not part of the discussion.

This petition is a prima facie example of this and worse proposals I am certain are in the pipeline.

Disagree with my characterization of this? Fine. On this one ask for some more trees to be saved. Maybe; gasp, reduce the footprint further?

Or to be totally bold reject the whole annexation and zoning and wait for something more responsible? Just a thought.

Whatever you are doing in moving forward to align with climate and A2Zero goals don't say you are earnest about it without protecting mature trees (seedling plantings and current mitigation standards just don't cut it).

Have a nice day.

-James

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