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Ann Arbor Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Earhart Village Homes Association concerning the report of Ms. Morgan on the Ann Arbor Planning Commission meeting of March 4, 2014. In her article about the commission's consideration of a proposal from Concordia University, *Concordia Takes Step in Campus Upgrade*, in the *Ann Arbor Chronicle*, March 8, 2014, she reports some comments she attributes to commission members. Among these comments about the Concordia University's expansion plans and the neighborhood she reported that a commissioner wondered whether the city should talk to the university about rezoning the entire site, rather than having to grant a special exception use for each project. Her article continued quoting a commissioner as stating, "There's not a lot of development in that area."

If this report is accurate, our association is most concerned by these statements. Our association shares a southern border with Concordia University. Some of our residents live less than 30 feet from the property line. The Concordia property adjoining our association is currently undeveloped, unlike our border on Earhart Road across from the Ridgarr Square Condominiums and Waldenwood Neighborhood to our west, Greenhills School on our east and our contentious border with Glacier Hills Inc. to our north. Our neighbors at Concordia have assured us that they in no way proposed or intend to appeal to change the current residential zoning of their property. We have a positive relationship with Concordia and have no reason to doubt their intention to present any additions or improvements to their campus, individually, each on their own merit, openly and publicly. Our association appreciates and supports Concordia's efforts to improve their campus in this manner.

We hope it is not the intent of the commission to consider re-zoning of the Concordia University property. Our association would strenuously object to such an approach. We further hope that the commission recognizes that our association, two schools and a number of private homes border Concordia's property and considers the interest of these neighbors and the entire neighborhood as Concordia brings proposals for the commission's consideration.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our city.

Sincerely,

Rod Sorge
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