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To: Planning
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Good morning,

I am writing in response to the proposed agenda item for the Dhu Varren development project. My appreciation for the planning committee's consideration of a few questions/comments:

1. Please consider not only solar lighting but also place strong emphasis and ensure placement of downcast environmentally friendly lighting. Even in cases where sidewalk encroachment may not be a factor, dark sky lighting would be beneficial to surrounding communities and wildlife impacted by the development and could serve as a model in a neighborhood that treasures its natural space.
2. Please also consider traffic mitigation measures as part of the development plan at connection points on Pontiac Trail and Dhu Varren. These roads are already quite busy, and with the additional traffic the impact will be felt by neighbors with increased cars on the road, traffic light backup, and the pervasive speeding that is associated. Additional circles or other measures would be greatly appreciated.
3. The plan does seem quite heavy on rental properties rather than providing an opportunity to home ownership. The north side rental building also seems close to the road, as opposed to the Pontiac Trail side that offers some offset.
4. I applaud the connection to nature trails and appreciation of green space. Please keep this a vital part of the plan, including appropriate wetland protection!

Kind regards,
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