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Subject: Re: 2250 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd Project - Next Steps

Matt and Wendy,

Thank you for the information and for the decision to hear public comment at the meeting.

As you both well know by now, the Lambeth/Ascot Lansdowne neighbors are still very upset and disappointed with the continued insistence by the developer to have this access to Lambeth.

Over the last year we have seen it go from a gated private drive to an "emergency only" road to an oversized 20 ft "sidewalk". It is very obvious that all of these are variations of the same theme, which is the developer's desire to have a vehicle access (either in the short or long term) to Lambeth. This is NOT about safety. The developer has cleverly used the fire dept (who will "always want another access" - a comment I believe you made, Wendy, at the first meeting) as a lever to feed on safety being the driver. If a second access is needed for developments smaller than 100 units, why is there not movement to change the city code? The addition of sprinkler systems (which one commissioner used to describe how safety requirements evolve) did not happen because developers wanted to improve safety. The city code was revised to require them. If a second access is needed for a development of 75 units, then the code should reflect this, not one developer's desire on one project. Since the current code states a second access is NOT required and the neighborhood does not want it, why is it so hard for the Planning Commission to demand that it be deleted. The rights of this 50 year old residential neighborhood should not be trampled on by one developer demanding an access that is not even required by city code.

Please add this note to the documents reviewed by the Planning Commission.

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