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2	7:06PM	<u></u>	Lisa Disch	Angie Smith	<u>ee</u>	Email address	Privacy
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3	7:24 PM		Julie Grand, Travis Radina	Iddo Schwartz		Email addresses	Privacy
4	7:26 PM		Jacqueline Beaudry	Travis Radina		Email addresses	Privacy
5	7:38 PM		Lisa Disch	Shana Milkie		Email address, address and phone	Privacy
6	7:43 PM		Travis Radina	Jessica Faul		Email address, address	Privacy
7	8:02 PM		Paula Gardner	Travis Radina		Email address, address and phone	Privacy
8	8:25 PM		Christopher Taylor	Jacqueline Beaudry	Tom Crawford		
9	8:39 PM		Erica Briggs	Dianne Brainard		Email address	Privacy
10	8:41 PM		Jeff Hayner	Dianne Brainard		Email address	Privacy
11	8:58 PM		Christopher Taylor	Suzanne Lotz		Email address	Privacy
12	9:37 PM		Lisa Disch	Kathy Boris		Email address, address	Privacy
13	9:47 PM		Jacqueline Beaudry	Travis Radina			
14	9:51 PM		City Council	Jacqueline Beaudry	Stephen Postema, Tom Crawford, Brett Lenart,		
15	9:58 PM		Ali Ramlawi	Kitty Kahn		Email address	Privacy
16	10:22 PM		Julie Grand	Peter Avram		Email address, address	Privacy
17	10:26 PM		Travis Radina	Juliet Pressel		Email address, address and phone	Privacy
18	10:34 PM		Travis Radina	Rosemary Bogdan		Email address	Privacy
19	10:42 PM		Teresa Gillotti	Jeff Hayner			
20	10:44 PM		Lisa Disch	Judi Taylor		Email address, address and phone	Privacy

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21	11:00 PM		Julie Grand, Travis Radina	Gloria Jones		Email address, phone	Privacy
22	11:01 PM		City Council, Angie Smith	Angie Smith		Email address, address	Privacy

From:

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 7:06 PM

To: Disch, Lisa

**Subject:** Re: My first time using your new email address!

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Julie has made some dismissive responses to neighbors today, so she may be working on something else. Hoping the gate to calm traffic is something you will support tonight. Thanks again, Lisa! ~angie

On Monday, December 7, 2020, 05:22:37 PM EST, Disch, Lisa <ldisch@a2gov.org> wrote:

Hi Angie,

The development agreement does include a provision (P-8) for the developer to pay for improvements to both Eli and Burton. Those improvements would be specified and binding. I wish I had further details but I know Julie is working on them!

Lisa

Lisa Disch | Ward One City Council Representative City of Ann Arbor 301 E. Huron Street Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647

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From:

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 2:51 PM To: Disch, Lisa <LDisch@a2gov.org>

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Subject: Re: My first time using your new email address!

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Thank you for seeking that reassurance; you are right: any traffic calming would need to be implemented before or during the construction of the development.

Would traffic calming measures be a part of the development agreement? If it is not in writing tonight are neighbors expected to trust that their concerns and needs will be addressed in good faith with no plan to do so in writing? This would be disappointing, especially because there was an agreement to not open up that road when zoning bounced from R-1 to R-4 many years ago. That trust is especially sullied considering that the 2020 version of the traffic study explains that 0% of cars will be northbound and that 250 additional cars on Burton will only yield a 5% increase in traffic on these little side streets.

You are right that we need to walk in the streets to get to AATA bus stops, schools, and neighboring businesses, etc. As an aside a beautiful \$90k HRWC conservation project from 2018 makes the installation of sidewalks a difficult task. Please let me know if you hear any additional updates today, or if you have any questions for an engaged neighbor.

~angie

On Monday, December 7, 2020, 02:15:25 PM EST, Disch, Lisa <ldisch@a2gov.org> wrote:

### Hi Angie!

It is great to hear from you. I understand the concerns. You all are a walk in the street neighborhood so this development is a potential healthy streets issue. As I understand it, Travis and Julie are working together on a proposal to require traffic calming and sidewalks (which will be paid for by the new milage) as an alternative to the idea of decoupling the road opening. I can definitely support the Travis/Julie proposal and want to be reassured that it will be fully implemented prior to/alongside the new development.

Take care!

Lisa

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## Hi Lisa!

I am glad to be able to contact you as a councilmember today. Congrats on this new role. I know from your candidacy that you are dedicated to taking the concerns of the community to heart, and I want to reach out to make sure you are hearing those of myself and my neighbors about an agenda item for tonight's meeting. I know from your support of my school board candidacy that we hold shared values in supporting and representing the values of our community. Thank you.

I am predicting a long meeting for you and the rest of council tonight. My neighbors have surely contacted you about the Brightdawn proposal and the concerns we share about the full opening of a side street to connect 240 parking spots to main thoroughfares for traffic. I understand that you were able to hear a bit about it at the caucus as well. I live about 12 houses down from where this road opening is proposed to be, and am offering to show you the area by phone or by foot today if you'd like to get a better idea of what the safety concerns truly are.

Council Member Radina is working hard on a prosal to 'decouple' the road opening from the development today. Is that a proposal you would be able to support him on?

~angie smith

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Date: Tue, 8 Dec 2020 at 02:13

Subject: FW: Brightdawn Village CC Meeting

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**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2020 7:26 PM **To:** Beaudry, Jacqueline; Tom J. Covert

Cc: Grand, Julie

**Subject:** FW: FW: Brightdawn Village CC Meeting

FYI: As you're looking for them for tonight's discussion.

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#### Travis Radina

Council Member, Ward 3 (he|him|his)

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From: Shana Milkie > Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 7:38 PM

To: Disch, Lisa

**Subject:** Re: please do not delay the Superfund letter

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Dear Councilwoman Disch,

Thank you very much for your willingness to reconsider this issue and for withdrawing the resolution!

- Shana Milkie

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On 2020-12-07 17:35, Disch, Lisa wrote:
> Dear Shana,
>
> Thank you for writing. We withdrew the resolution first thing this
> morning.
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> Lisa
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- > Dear Ann Arbor City Council, > It was distressing to learn that City Council will hear a resolution > this evening that would delay the Superfund letter the City is > supposed to send to Governor Whitmer. Please remember that the > citizens of Ann Arbor \*want\* our local units of government to unite in > soliciting the Governor to send a concurrence letter to the EPA. > Washtenaw County recently passed its Superfund resolution unanimously. > We also have reason to believe that Scio Township will soon reaffirm > its resolution. > > Pursuing the Superfund path does not mean we cannot continue the > litigation process. In fact, if all local units of government unite in > pursuing the Superfund path, it will only strengthen our position for > the hearings in January. > I respectfully urge you to withdraw the "Resolution to Clarify and > Modify R-20-425 Regarding United States Environmental Protection > Agency Involvement with the Gelman Site." If you do not withdraw it, > then I urge you to vote no. Also, please direct the City Administrator > to send out the request to Governor Whitmer right away. That step > should already have been completed by now. Thank you for your > consideration of this difficult issue. > > Yours truly, > Shana Milkie >
- > [1] > https://www.a2gov.org/departments/communications/ctn/Pages/watch.aspx

> Links:

From: Jessica Faul

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 7:43 PM

To: Radina, Travis

**Subject:** Re: Brightdawn - connecting Eli Rd and Burton Rd

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Thanks, Travis. This seems like a good solution. Jessica

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 5:52 PM Radina, Travis < TRadina@a2gov.org > wrote:

Jessica,

Thank you so much for reaching out to share your views on the proposed Brightdawn development project on Burton Rd.

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I am writing to encourage you to not approve the proposed plan to open Burton and Eli Roads to accommodate the Brightdawn development, and if possible I would encourage you to not approve the development in its

Dear Mayor Taylor and Ann Arbor City Council,

entirety. Sufficient testing of both the site and the impact of the development on traffic and the surrounding neighborhood has not been conducted.

1) Building a residential development in close proximity to a major highway is dangerous to human health. The Brightdawn site is too close to US-23 and should not be zoned residential. Exposure to traffic-related air pollution has been linked to both short- and long-term health effects, including asthma, reduced lung function, impaired lung development in children, and cardiovascular effects in adults. As the report cited below indicates, pollutants directly emitted from cars, trucks, and other motor vehicles are found in higher concentrations near major roads. Examples of pollutants include particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and benzene. In addition, roadway traffic also emits brake and tire debris and can throw road dust into the air. Individually and in combination, many of the pollutants found near roadways have been associated with adverse health effects. As such, the California Air Resources Board recommends that new schools should not be located within 500 feet of major roadways. If new schools should not be placed within this distance, homes where children will be living and breathing should not be built this close either.

https://rems.ed.gov/docs/Mobile docs/EPA Reducing-Near-Road-Pollution-Schools.pdf

It is likely that you wouldn't want to live this close to the highway. Do you think 120 families will want to pay over \$300K to do so?

2) The site has not undergone sufficient environmental testing. At our last community meeting with the company representing Brightdawn in spring 2020, they adminited they had not tested the soil on the proposed site for lead or other heavy metal contamination. Numerous studies have shown that land closest to highways can have lead levels exceeding the EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines. This is caused by lead-laden dust deposition that remains in the soil for decades even after the switch to unleaded gasolines. The developers have even suggested adding a community garden onsite which could be hazardous without proper soil testing.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/r98-001a.pdf

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/8379498/

The developers are not looking out for the well-being of Ann Arbor residents. It is your job as City Council to do so.

3) Connecting Burton and Eli Roads will significantly and negatively impact the traffic in the Forestbrook neighborhood and surrounding area making it unsafe for children and pedestrians. Traffic from Brightdawn will be routed directly by the Forestbrooke neighborhood pool - an area without a sidewalk or safe walking options for patrons and residents. Yost St. has traffic calming speed humps - a sign that traffic and speed are already issues that residents

must contend with. Many children walk to Pittsfield Elementary School and live and play in the neighborhood yet the city has not done a study to better understand the traffic and safety impact of this proposed traffic flow change. Do not approve this project until proper safety tests have been performed.

In summary, this project has been proposed by out of state developers who are just trying to make a profit. They have no regard for the health implications of living on this site nor the traffic-related safety consequences for the adjacent community. This project does not support any of our goals as a city - it does not support our goal to increase affordable housing in the city and it is not environmentally-positioned or motivated to support the carbon neutrality plan.

We need thoughtful and responsible planning for our city. We depend on you to do that on our behalf.

Sincerely

Jessica Faul, PhD MPH

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From: Paula Gardner

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:02 PM

To: Radina, Travis

**Subject:** Re: From Burton Commons to Brightdawn

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Hello, Mayor Taylor and City Council.

With the Brightdawn Village on the next agenda, I wanted to make sure that I sent you a few thoughts. We've been in our home at 2615 Lillian Road for 19 years, going back to when single family homes were on the Burton Road property and including years when different proposals were on the table.

It's disappointing that after so much effort on this property that we're here, on the verge of approving four-story buildings. I've never been comfortable with the density at 15 units per acre, but to now get to that point by stacking them to four stories just seems disrespectful to neighbors who for all of these years thought we'd have a project that would feel like it was within buffer zoning.

I've seen very little conversation about other things that we thought we had resolved with development of this property. Screening for the houses that will be affected by driveway access to minimize vehicle light 'intrusion' in our east-facing windows is one. (Which houses are affected by this? Would love to see the city and developer work with those specific homeowners). Sidewalks on only the east side of Burton, since there's no reason to pave over more land, is another. At one time, the developers even promised a contribution to the shoestring budget of our neighborhood pool.

The connection of Burton to Eli is another big, lingering concern. I'm not satisfied that this has been fully considered from the neighborhood's perspective to ensure no or minimal adverse impact. This feels like our last chance to have any influence in this, yet it seems like many questions remain unresolved. Can you articulate neighbor concerns? If approved, is traffic calming possible? Will that be part of the development agreement? What do you think neighbors want in the design of the new road? How will you incorporate that? And what about the most recent traffic study to verify the volume estimates of new vehicle trips per day - is it from 2019 when the plan originated, or is it vague and possibly inaccurate? (While I'm at it, why is so much parking allowed on this site plan? It's between two bus lines!)

Development of this property has been in play, on and off, for a long time. But please don't assume that this is a routine approval. Fully vetting this has enormous implications for our lives in Forestbrooke, and can only result in a better project. I hope you'll help make this happen. Staff has done a lot of the leg work, but I'm asking for just a little more. It doesn't have to take forever. But a little more scrutiny of the justifications used in the plans will help you make the best decision possible - for neighbors and the city.

Paula Gardner	

Thank you,

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:25 PM

**To:** Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)

**Cc:** Crawford, Tom

**Subject:** Note that PH6 and PH7 have been removed -

## **Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk**

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From:

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:39 PM

**To:** Briggs, Erica

**Subject:** RE: Opposition to Resolution 20-1855

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From: Briggs, Erica < EBriggs@a2gov.org>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 7:40 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Opposition to Resolution 20-1855

Thank you for reaching out Dianne.

CM Disch and I are withdrawing the resolution this morning.

On Dec 5, 2020, at 9:47 AM, wrote:

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Dianne Brainard, Ward 4

From:

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:41 PM

To: Hayner, Jeff

**Subject:** RE: Opposition to Resolution 20-1855

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Thank you for being so responsive Jeff! It is appreciated. Dianne

From: Hayner, Jeff <JHayner@a2gov.org> Sent: Saturday, December 5, 2020 1:47 PM

To:

Subject: RE: Opposition to Resolution 20-1855

Dear Ms. Brainard,

Thank you for your comments on this matter, and I agree with your characterization of the resolutions language. In my opinion there is no need to modify the earlier resolution, and no good reason to further delay seeking help from a higher authority. Indeed, Governor Whitmer will be free to send a State Concurrence Letter based on the pleas from Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor Township alone. This resolution will not change that, all it serves to do is delay necessary help, and turn our back on our community partners in this struggle for environmental justice.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner Ward 1 City Council

From

Sent: Saturday, December 5, 2020 9:47 AM

To: Disch, Lisa < LDisch@a2gov.org>; Briggs, Erica < EBriggs@a2gov.org>; Hayner, Jeff < JHayner@a2gov.org>; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) < CTaylor@a2gov.org>; Griswold, Kathy < KGriswold@a2gov.org>; Song, Linh < LSong@a2gov.org>; Radina, Travis < TRadina@a2gov.org>; Grand, Julie < JGrand@a2gov.org>; Eyer, Jen < JEyer@a2gov.org>; Elizabeth Nelson < contact@a2elnel.com>; Nelson, Elizabeth < ENelson@a2gov.org>; Ramlawi, Ali < ARamlawi@a2gov.org> Subject: Opposition to Resolution 20-1855

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From: Suzanne Lotz

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:58 PM

To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)

Subject: Burton Rd

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Hi

I live at across from the Forestbrooke Pool. I understand Burton Rd needs to be developed but I am discouraging the opening from Burton Rd to Eli Rd. Our neighborhood is already inindated with traffic as a cut throughbetween Packard and Washtenaw. We also have a neighborhood Pool with family members and constant activities throughout the summer months. With additional traffic this would be a great hazard to our community.

Thank you Suzanne Demerrs

From: Kathy Boris

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 9:37 PM

**To:** Disch, Lisa

**Subject:** Gelman / EPA / Dec 7, 2020 Agenda Item DC-3

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Dear City Council Member Disch:

Thank you for withdrawing DC-3 from the Dec 7 city council agenda.

I am very much in favor of requesting EPA super fund status for the Gelman plume, and I believe that this should be done without further delay.

Kathy Boris

Ward 5

kb

**From:** Radina, Travis

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 9:47 PM

**To:** Beaudry, Jacqueline

**Subject:** Re-sending Amendment to DB-3

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#### **Travis Radina**

Council Member, Ward 3 (he|him|his)

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**From:** Beaudry, Jacqueline

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 9:51 PM

**To:** \*City Council Members (All)

**Cc:** Postema, Stephen; Crawford, Tom; Lenart, Brett; Cheng, Christopher

**Subject:** FW: Re-sending Amendment to DB-3

#### Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Kitty B. Kahn

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 9:58 PM

To: Ramlawi, Ali

**Subject:** Question about Sign Ordinance

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Hi Ali- I'm reading the sign ordinance which was just approved. Steven and I like to have yard signs in our front yard. We had a NO WAR sign for years until it self-destructed, but we still have one with an image of a peace sign over the globe, i.e. Peace on Earth; a "Black Lives Matter" sign; and, as soon as it arrives, we will have one that says "Thank You Healthcare Workers". Will these three signs be allowed? Of course, before elections, we have many more signs in the front yard. I am concerned that this ordinance can squelch free speech.

http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4624869&GUID=3B727BA0-68E4-4D67-B4B7-A63F371C74DF&FullText=1

Thanks. -Peace, Kitty

From: Peter Avram

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 10:22 PM

To: Grand, Julie

Subject: Re: City Council Meeting on 12/7/2020 Agenda Item PH-5 (20-1650)

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Hi Julie,

Thank you for your support of the Forest Brooke subdivision this evening!

Have a great evening.

Regards,

Peter Avram

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020, 16:51 Peter Avram > wrote: Hello Julie,

Thank you for the response. Really appreciate it.

Happy to dive deeper and provide more information if you would like.

Regards,

Peter Avram

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 4:47 PM Grand, Julie < <a href="mailto:JGrand@a2gov.org">JGrand@a2gov.org</a>> wrote:

Travis and I continue to work on an option that will enhance safety, but also ensure that school buses can serve these new residents. I appreciate your message.

Best, Julie

From: Peter Avram

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:15 PM To: CityCouncil < CityCouncil@a2gov.org >

Subject: City Council Meeting on 12/7/2020 Agenda Item PH-5 (20-1650)

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Hello City Council,

I'm writing to you in regards to the resolution to approve the Brightdawn Village site plan. While I'm not opposed to the by-right development that the developer is proposing, I am opposed to the connection of Burton Rd to Eli Rd to all vehicular traffic. Given the neighboring community's concerns about increased traffic northbound on Burton through the Forestbrooke subdivision without proper safe routes to school and how successful the healthy streets initiative was, the connection of Eli to Burton should be decoupled from the by-right development plan and decided separately due to unaddressed concerns. Any connector proposals should be in line with the original 2007 up-zoning decision where it would be for pedestrian and emergency vehicle use only.

Here are a few supporting topics to aide in my argument above:

#### 1. School bus access regarding the Eli Rd Connector:

There has been discussion about busses not being able to do drop offs or pickups without Eli being connected to Burton. There would be no regular bus pickups or drop offs outside of special needs children. Pittsfield elementary and Scarlett middle schools are within the 1.5 mile "walk area" as defined by AAPS. Huron High School's bus pickup and drop off is located at Pittsfield Elementary school per bus route AA-40.

In the event that a bus did need to enter the apartment complex, the developer already did the vehicular movement analysis for a 48.67 foot AAFD ladder truck entering, navigating within, and exiting the development site plan. Since a typical full size "Type C" school bus is 35 to 45 feet long, one could surmise that a bus would be able to navigate similar roads and parking lots a longer ladder truck would be able to.

I do not see any supporting evidence that the potential to use a school bus in or around Brightdawn Village is inhibited by an emergency only use connector between Eli and Burton.

I should also note, that the fire marshal's comments did not mention the Eli rd connector

Please see the attached screenshot from the most recent site plan submittal regarding ladder truck access.

#### 2. Insufficient Traffic Impact data collection and analysis:

The traffic impact analysis conducted for the latest Brightdawn Village project proposal did not collect data regarding actual traffic in the Forestbrooke subdivision. And no analysis was performed. There are speculative comments as to what the potential impacts to the adjoining neighborhood could be, but nothing to support it. The same situation occurred in 2007 during the previously failed "Burton Commons" development where an insufficient traffic study was conducted and supplemental work needed to be performed.

Given the 13 year gap between today and the previously done work, I would like to see an updated analysis performed that factors in the temporary reduction in vehicular traffic due to COVID-19 on the neighboring subdivision.

#### 3. Sidewalk Gaps along the route to Pittsfield Elementary from SE Forestbrooke and Brightdawn Village:

In addition to increased vehicular traffic from Brightdawn through Forestbrooke in the event of the Eli to Burton connector being opened to all vehicles, there are large gaps in sidewalk coverage for children as they walk to elementary school or school bus stop. This issue has been paid, at best, lip service by the city and has not been addressed.

Please consider postponing any decisions on connecting Eli to Burton Rds.

Regards,



From: Juliet Pressel <

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 10:26 PM

**To:** Radina, Travis

**Subject:** Re: PH-5 20-1650 - Brightdawn Village

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Thank you too, Travis. We deeply appreciate your involvement, and also your impressive success. We look forward to working with you in the future as well. Well done! Jim and Juliet Pressel

On Dec 7, 2020, at 5:42 PM, Radina, Travis <TRadina@a2gov.org> wrote:

Jim & Juliet,

Thank you so much for reaching out to share your views on the proposed Brightdawn development project on Burton Rd – and for touring the site with me last month. I've been so grateful to work with you leading up to this evening and hope we can continue to work together on items of interest to your neighborhood in the future.

As you already know, the proposal coming before us tonight is now what is called "by-right," which does not require any variances or zoning changes to be approved by Council. By working with neighbors and the developer, the city still gained some significant concessions and public benefits in this development; however, because this project is by-right, Council's approval is largely administrative at this stage and voting to reject a by-right proposal would likely result in costly litigation and a likely judgment against the city.

After touring the proposed site, the adjoining Forestbrooke neighborhood, and having several conversations with neighbors, I still have remaining concerns about existing pedestrian safety issues that could be exacerbated by immediately connecting Eli Rd. to Burton Rd. without first filling sidewalk gaps near the popular community pool and on Yost Blvd (as it crosses over Swift Drain), which remains the most likely vehicular and pedestrian route from the neighborhood to nearby Pittsfield Elementary School. As a result, while I plan to support final approval of the Brightdawn site plan tonight, in consultation with my fellow Ward 3 Council Member, Julie Grand, I plan to propose the following amendment (underlined below) to the final resolved clause of Agenda Item DB-3, the Resolution to Approve Brightdawn Village Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2805 Burton Road:

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If passed, my amendment would allow the connection of Eli and Burton Road to be constructed without further delaying a justified by-right development project; however, the addition of gates/locks at the connection point would allow it to be maintained only as a second emergency vehicle access point, and pedestrian passageway, for the immediate future. The additional clause allowing the gates/locks to be later removed allows for the future possibility of opening the connection, hopefully after pedestrian safety issues have been addressed and potential traffic calming efforts have been realized.

All the Best, Travis

Travis Radina

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Subject: PH-5 20-1650 - Brightdawn Village

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We want to add our voices to those of our neighbors who have already written to you regarding approval of the Brightdawn Village site plan.

We recognize that this is a by-right development, that should be approved as consistent with the existing zoning and compliant with related requirements. Additionally, while we agree that as a City we need to start looking at more environmental factors than we currently do, that cannot be an issue here. In fact, the developer did everything right this time around.

That said, please do "uncouple" this proposed opening of Burton to Eli from the rest of the site plan. There were good reasons to do that in 2007 and all the more so now. In 2007, when the City upzoned this parcel from R-1 to R-4, Council voted unanimously to approve the site plan for the proposed Burton Commons project, but NOT open Burton and Eli except for emergency vehicle access. On the basis of engineering and other staff reports, the Council concluded that a 20-foot pedestrian walkway with gated access for emergency vehicles would meet the health and safety needs of both the new community, and the Forestbrooke community to which it would be connected. That outcome was satisfactory to everyone at the time.

Even today, the developer has never insisted on opening a Burton-Eli connection, so its presence in the site plan is based solely on the City's preferences. We are now told that engineering staff insist that the 2007 provisions are both inadequate and against a now-prevailing policy of connecting neighborhoods. But – why? If the technology in 2007 was sufficient for emergency access needs, why is that no longer sufficient? And if "policy" must be honored regardless of its Procrustian implications, should we not be questioning its utility?

As for the red herring of school bus access -- there is plenty of room at the Burton-Eli juncture to construct an ample turnaround for school buses, utility vehicles, etc. We invite you to come and see for yourselves.

Opening traffic from Burton to Eli will convert a small cul-de-sac into a throughway, which does not directly connect to any major thoroughfare. Instead, drivers from Burton will swing left, left again and then right on Eli, and come out on Yost right where neighborhood children cross Yost to get to Pittsfield school during the school year, and also cross Eli where they swim and dive at the neighborhood pool at the corner in the summer. Children regularly play and ride bikes in that area; there is also a handicapped resident who uses an automated wheelchair for his recreational walks and often prefers the street to whatever sidewalks others might prefer. We certainly hope that any children who live at Brightdawn will feel the same degree of safety walking to Pittsfield school or elsewhere in the neighborhood that we want to preserve for those children who live and play there now. We do not see how you can ensure that by opening Burton-Eli as a second entrance/exit for Brightdawn.

Finally, we feel that the traffic study is flawed. It never measured the true effect of 250 cars flowing into the neighborhood, whether from Packard or Burton and Eli. The 2020 update merely establishes that minimal impact can be conjectured and built into an official document to buttress rosy wishes.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jim and Juliet Pressel

From: Rosemary Bogdan
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 10:34 PM

**To:** Radina, Travis **Subject:** Re: Thank you!

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#### Dear Travis,

Thank you so much for your support for Forestbrooke tonight. We greatly appreciated your amendment and your words supporting it.

Just to clarify, the problem with opening Eli to through traffic is the number of cars passing through. Sidewalks would be slightly safer but truly not enough to alleviate our concerns. It would be a bandaid. The access simply needs to remain closed to all that additional traffic. Pedestrian and biking safety requires it.

Safety in Forestbrooke along Brandywine and Yost could be greatly improved if the healthy streets program were reinstated. We need permanent signs that prevent cut-through traffic through Forestbrooke. Connectivity of streets cannot be more important than public safety. I hope if you have an opportunity to advocate for pedestrian/biking safety in our neighborhood that you will take it.

Since connectivity seems to be so appealing to some members of Council, perhaps they would appreciate the idea of continuing Burton Rd. north emptying onto Yost, through the Victory Inn parking lot. I know it's complicated, as you explained. But cities do enact complicated solutions. That solution would increase connectivity for the new residents and would represent a huge improvement to safety in Forestbrooke. If you made that happen, Travis, let me just say that you would be a hero in this neighborhood. :-) (I'm sure you know the history of Victory Inn and how it is a known site of human trafficking. It's disgraceful that it still stands open in our city.)

Again, thank you for getting the gate up. That was incredibly appreciated.

Take good care,

Rosemary Bogdan

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 5:48 PM Radina, Travis < TRadina@a2gov.org > wrote:

Rosemary,

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Council Member, Ward 3
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From: Rosemary Bogdan Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:06 PM To: Radina, Travis < TRadina@a2gov.org> Subject: Thank you!
This message was sent from outside of the City of Ann Arbor. Please do not click links, open attachments, or follow directions unless you recognize the source of this email and know the content is safe.
Hi Travis,
I want to thank you for meeting with us on Saturday over Zoom. It means a lot to us to have a Council representative who listens and advocates for our interests.
Thank you too for visiting the site and actually looking at what we are talking about. I especially appreciated the fact that you listened to my suggestion about extending Burton northward and looked into the possibility by asking questions of people. That meant a lot to me.
I hope you will be able to decouple the opening of Eli from the site approval tomorrow. We know you are doing your best for us. If that doesn't happen perhaps we could bring about no-thru traffic designations for Forestbrooke, maybe even at Eli and Burton.
We wish you all the best in your new role representing the third ward. And thank you again for what you have done so far. We sure appreciate it.
All the best,
Rosemary Bogdan

From: Hayner, Jeff

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 10:42 PM

**To:** Teresa M. Gillotti

**Subject:** Question about Barrier Busters

Dear Ms. Gillotti,

At council tonight one of my colleagues suggested that folks who are having trouble with their water rates get placed with Barrier Busters. I see from the quarterly reports that, as predicted, applications to Barrier Busters are up with COVID, that the folks served by Barrier Busters are seeking help for very critical needs, primarily rent (to avoid eviction I presume) and utilities (to avoid shutoffs I again presume). I am glad that this service exists, my question is about the viability of passing folks over to Barrier Busters as a solution to raising our water rates. To wit, how stable and robust is the funding for Barrier Busters? Can the program accept more applications? Is there a way the City can supplement the potential increase in needed services with direct donations, or would we be better served by looking into providing an out or a discount program on water rates for qualifying residents? Any information you can provide would be welcome.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner Ward 1 City Council

From: Judi Taylor

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 10:44 PM

To: Disch, Lisa

**Subject:** Re: Water rate increase on the agenda

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What is the increase that was voted in at the meeting?? Judith Taylor

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From: Disch, Lisa <LDisch@a2gov.org>

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:44:44 PM
To: Judi Taylor <taylorjudi@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Water rate increase on the agenda

Dear Judi,

I'm sorry to tell you that Council postponed the regular rate increase this summer so we cannot avoid voting for this one. I understand that it feels like rates are increasing fast. What's driving our rates is infrastructure. We're making up deferred maintenance. We have 500 miles of pipe and most of it is coming to the end of its lifetime: to keep it up over time we have to replace 1%/year; we had been doing .5%/year. Now we're playing catchup.

There are funds for people to apply for who are in economic hardship. I can follow up on how to apply for those if it would be helpful to you. It may be of no consolation to you but by comparison to comparable college towns, we are in the lowest third with respect to water rates. I know that doesn't make a difference to what it does to you when that bill arrives.

Lisa

Lisa Disch | Ward One City Council Representative

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I would like to plead with you NOT to increase the water rates again. The current rates have caused homeowners bills to skyrocket. Enough is enough. Please consider what harm this would do especially now when we are in the middle of a pandemic and many of us are unemployed or underemployed. Please help us by NOT increasing our water rates.

Judith Taylor

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Gloria Jones

Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 11:00 PM

To: CityCouncil

Cc: Grand, Julie; Radina, Travis

Subject: Thank you

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## Dear Council,

This mom is sleeping a bit easier tonight. Thank you for prioritizing pedestrian safety, listening to the constituents, doing all the hard things to make this tiny part of the city better for our kids and the kids from the new development.

It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

\_\_

Gloria K Jones

Family Enthusiast | Lover of All Things Handmade

From: Angela Smith

**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2020 11:01 PM

**To:** Diane Compton

Cc: CityCouncil; Angie Smith

**Subject:** Re: Brightdawn Village development on Burton Rd.

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Awesome Diane! The gate will be installed, according to tonight's vote.

On Dec 7, 2020, at 9:42 AM, Diane Compton <compton.diane@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Taylor,

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

In advance tonight's City Council meeting, I wanted to write to you about an agenda item that is up for your approval, the **Site Plan for Brightdawn Village, agenda item PH-5 20-1650**. While staff is recommending that this Site Plan be approved as presented, I am urging you to consider an alternative which will be proposed by my Ward 3 representative, Travis Radina.

Development at this site has been years in the making and our neighbors have come before this body several times in the past to talk about its various iterations. The biggest concern which I and many others in the Forestbrooke neighborhood have with the Site Plan as proposed is the opening of Eli Rd to through traffic, which will route 250+ cars (that's how many they are providing parking for) through neighborhood streets not designed for that level of traffic for a quicker access to Washtenaw Ave., the highway, downtown, etc.

The developer does not have any preference on if that street connection between Burton Road and Eli Road is made. However, planning staff is prioritizing street connectivity over neighborhood safety. By fully opening the road, these cars will speed around blind corners in a very small cul-de-sac, and down Yost where there are no sidewalks. They'll whip past a neighborhood pool where kids gather for team practices and recreation all summer long. And they'll be driving by as kids on their way to the public elementary school from the current and proposed neighborhoods walk in that same streets (as there are not sidewalks in several areas). **This is a recipe for a public safety disaster.** 

Travis is proposing that the opening for through traffic between Burton Road and Eli Road be decoupled from the current Site Plan in order to more fully study the traffic

impact of such a connection (which has not to date been studied) and to develop solutions which take all parties safety into consideration. That gives Council the ability to approve the 120 units of housing without making the decision to endanger pedestrians and bikers.

In 2007, the real property where the development is proposed was zoned as single-family housing. The decision to increase the density of this property to multi-family zoning was approved by Council, with the condition that the connection at Eli be for emergency vehicle access only. I, along with my neighbors, are asking you to uphold that commitment from this Council and prioritize safety by supporting the proposal to modify the Site Plan to open Eli to only emergency vehicle traffic.

Thank you, for reading and considering an alternative plan.

