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12-6-17

Fwd: Public Comment re: 11/8/2017 hearing on Meridian 120 m.1

1 message

Ashley Turney <turneya@reno.gov> Sun, Nov 19, 2017 at 5:50 PM
To: Barbara Aufiero <aufierob@reno.gov>, Beverly Beaty-Benadom <beaty-benadomb@reno.gov>

For the spreadsheet.

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From: **Ashley Turney** <turneya@reno.gov>
Date: Sun, Nov 19, 2017 at 5:49 PM
Subject: Re: Public Comment re: 11/8/2017 hearing on Meridian 120
To: Jenny Brekhus <brekhusj@reno.gov>
Cc: Gideon P Caplovitz <gcaplovitz@unr.edu>

Hi Gideon,

Thank you for your comments. The item was not heard due to a noticing issue by the applicant. The item has been renoticed, and will be heard at the Council meeting on December 6, 2017, no earlier than 6:00 pm.

Your comments will be sent to the Reno City Council for review and will be part of the official record.

Regards,
Ashley

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On Sun, Nov 19, 2017 at 1:24 PM, Jenny Brekhus <brekhusj@reno.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Gideon. I think that this item will be on our 12/6 agenda; it was not heard on 11/7. I am copying our clerk who can let you know and put this email communication into the record.

Best,

jb

On Nov 7, 2017, at 4:13 PM, Gideon P Caplovitz <gcaplovitz@unr.edu> wrote:

Dear Council members Jardon and Brekhus,

Ordinarily I would attend tomorrow's City Council Meeting to make a public comment regarding the appeal of the Planning Commissions 3-1 denial to move forward with the Meridian 120 development in Verdi. Unfortunately, I have been called out of town for work and will not be able to attend.

Below is the statement In Opposition to approving the appeal I would like to have made. Ideally, this statement will be read into record during the Public Comment period, and if that is not possible, I request that this email be entered into the Staff Report.

Statement:

Dear City Council,

I come before you in opposition to the Meridian 120 project and to encourage you to deny the appeal. The project represents an exploitative expansionary development that in conjunction with other large projects in the works threatens the safety, health, education and character of the Verdi community. It should be with great pride that we all bear witness to the Verdi community who have come before you to document the potential issues of this project. From water, storm damage to increased traffic and population, our community of 'everyday people' spanning all walks of life have highlighted and characterized legitimate concerns about the Meridian 120 project. I am a professor of Neuroscience and have spent my career evaluating evidence upon which to draw scientific conclusions. In my view, these constituents have accumulated far more evidence than necessary to justify not making any number of findings. Ultimately however, it has become my impression of they way things work in Reno is that the making of findings fundamentally comes down to a personal judgement call. As you decide whether to approve or deny this appeal, I encourage you to look around the room and see the great passion and care these Verdi residents have for their community. It is this sort of passion that defines the soul of a city and is something the Council should be investing in 1000%. I wonder, is this passion shared by the Meridian 120 developer? The last time I spoke before this council it was in opposition to the West Meadows Estates, a project that is now moving forward and gouging out a permanent scar across the Verdi landscape. That project was spearheaded by a Rob Fitzgerald who upon receiving your approval promptly sold out to the DR Horton corporation, which now hauls off truckloads of Verdi in exchange for shareholder profits. Is Mr. Fitzgerald in the audience today sharing his passion for our community? I suspect not. Look around, many of the faces in this room should now be familiar to you. We have provided you with the evidence necessary to support a justifiable decision to deny this appeal. We are your people. The question is: are you ours?

Thank you for your time,
Gideon

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| Comments: | Item M.1 Council Agenda for Dec. 6th | | |

Per feedback from website:

My name is Spencer Bocks. I live at 2355 Warrior Lane, Reno Nev. 89523. I support the denial of this project for many reasons. My first issue is water. Many of us in this area have had troubles with our wells and with uncertainty of how long they would support this project with Boomtown well water I feel it will be problematic for all our wells. Flooding has also been a big problem in our area and by creating a lot more runoff from the proposed subdivision it will only worsen our problem as their runoff will go into existing drainage systems which have proven they do not work. Fire is also a major concern of mine. The proposed subdivision would back up to the BLM land which would give the proposed subdivision very little defensible space. Traffic is another big issue that will cause problems. The Boomtown interchange is already causing major problems. With the addition of the large warehouse complexes and additional traffic from the new subdivision on the west end of the boomtown property, a total redo of the existing interchange should be in order to accomadate this major increase in traffic. Density is another major concern. All of our lots that are adjacent to the proposed subdivision are one acre or more (44,000 sq. ft.) The proposed subdivision has one acre lots around the outside but 9,000 sq. ft. lots in the middle . This makes for a poor mix of horse property combined with Del Webb type living which would be uncomfortable for both. The least you could do is make all lots one acre or more. This would reduce the impact on the environment, it would help with the well situation, It would help with the flooding and be much safer for fire. It would also help a lot with the replenishment of the aquifer and it would reduce the effect of the traffic. For the sake of our property values and our Rural style of living stay with what we already have on the South side of interstate 80. Reject this subdivision until such time as you can fix these unsolved problems that are sure to arise. Thankyou for your consideration in declining this project as it is presented. Sincerely, Spence Bocks

Private Notes:

Submitter Info

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