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Sonja, this is regarding the 24th St. Project and my concerns. I also represent the Blossomwood HOA and the general concerns of our members. Most of our HOA members signed a petition of concern that was turned to both Thurston Co. and the City of Olympia regarding the issues surrounding the 24th St project. We all understand the need for more housing, and that growth does happen. However, it should be done responsibly with real appreciation for those who will not only be buying the new homes, but for those who have invested their money and lives in the existing neighborhoods.

1. Understanding that the development is in the County and the streets that provide access and egress are in the city this creates an issue of jurisdiction. Milroy St. is the only street to access 24th street. In the 2200 block of Milroy it narrows to one lane for an entire block leading to an offset intersection. There is no sidewalk. The closest school bus stop is on Burbank St., which the school district has already stated they will not be sending a bus down Milroy. If the county feels comfortable approving the development of a neighborhood with "family size homes" without the developer providing a solution to this issue I guess the possible liability is on you. During the time that kids will need to walk down that one lane street, with no shoulder or sidewalk, people will be driving to and from work and of course the occasional garbage truck that takes the entire street.

2. The water drainage issue was addressed, sort of, during the public meeting. It is understood that there will be a retention pond for the run off. It was not addressed where the water from the pond will go. 34 homes with streets and driveways eliminate the possibility for soil to absorb. So it was addressed that a pond will be created and that pond shows to be located on the south end of the property. That will butt up to the Blossomwood north end green belt which is a wetland. That wetland drains down through the green belt on the westside of Blossomwood and the eastside of Butler Cove. The property for the development on 24th is the highest elevation. So if the plan for drainage of the pond will be through the greenbelt between Blossomwood and Butler Cove, which by the way there is water there right now, will bring water into property owners backyards on Blossomwood Ct. We can't stress enough how much we don't want that.

3. Returning to the issue of inadequate streets for the added traffic. If you're thinking of using the "mass transit" line, well the closest bus stop is on Division almost a half mile away, by streets, to the 24th street project. And, please don't think for a second that Intercity transit is going to send a bus up Milroy. It was said during the public meeting that the City of Olympia considers the access streets to be adequate. I realize that you won't, but I suggest that you drive up and down Milroy a couple times and be sure to use the intersection at Burbank to Crestline, which is also one lane.

In conclusion if the developer wants to profit from the investment of building this new neighborhood then it should be on them to ensure the streets can safely handle the increased traffic load.

Last thought, and this is from my personal experience with this process. I hope it's not, but there is an appearance of something being pushed through. The notice of public hearing sign

was placed on the fence that cannot be seen unless a person drives to the end of 24th street and looks to the right. Prior to that people driving up the street clearly see a "no trespassing" sign facing them. That, and the fact that 24th street is one lane street, and closer resembles a driveway or alley, it smells a little like someone was trying to hide something. Also, having the meeting on a Tuesday morning, less than a week after the sign was posted made it very difficult for working people to attend. If all the people who attended the meeting as part of their job were asked to attend something like this, outside of their job duties, with this type of notice, how many do you think would have been able to do so? It really has the appearance of corners being cut to benefit the developer.

Thank you,

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