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From: Waluga Neighborhood <waluga.neighborhood.association@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Comments re: Aug. 28 PC meeting

Hello Planning Commissioners,

I realize that my comments and concerns are too late for the record, but I feel compelled to send them to you regardless.

Last night I finally watched the video rerun of the PC meeting for August 28, 2017 (agenda item 7.1 that had to do with CDC Amendment to the BFR CIP LU 17-0028 presented by LO Planner Johanna Hastay). After listening to the report that Carolyn Krebs made at the LONAC monthly meeting on Sept. 2nd, I felt compelled to watch that portion of the meeting of which I originally missed.

I was shocked in watching and hearing about the issues regarding the recommendations made by contracted arborist, Morgan Holen, to remove almost all of the trees on the Jenike property for parking and for ROW acquisition.

The discussions that PC members briefly talked about obtaining a second opinion from another licensed and certified arborist made perfect sense to me. This definitely should've been recommended to staff. There are two reputable arborist that I know who could do this. And particularly because of the short time frame that Johanna emphasized, I am almost certain either of these two arborists would've given a second opinion, I have personally worked with both of them for my own property and other developments in my neighborhood.

Also you should know that another Doug Fir tree grove is slated to be removed adjacent to the Jenike site. This property is located at 15948 Quarry Road. Currently there is a single family house located on the property and is zoned GC. It is located just behind Banner Bank on BFR at Quarry Rd. In looking at the preliminary plans now from Leslie Hamilton, there is a grove of large Doug Firs (7 each) toward the edge of the property line between Banner Bank and subject property. Though this grove does not border the Jenike property, it is significant enough to consider in the overall tree canopy of the surrounding properties in this area of the Waluga Neighborhood as well and along Boones Ferry Road.

As a member of the BFR Improvement PAC as well as the Co-Chair of the Waluga Neighborhood Association, why wasn't I (and the co-chairs for BFR PAC, Mike and Carolyn) included in this recommended decision earlier to clear-cut the Jenike property? I can only guess that since staff knew this recommendation would be controversial, they chose to keep this info from the PAC members and instead have alienated the neighborhood associations.

Sincerely,
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Waluga Neighborhood Association Co-Chair and member of the BFR PAC

