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**Subject:** Upcoming Plan Commission meeting about Elderberry Pioneer Junction Neighborhood Development Plan

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for allowing us to voice our concerns about this proposal.

As the Autumn Ridge Reserve & The Willows neighborhoods, along with other surrounding neighborhoods, have been shown to have extremely high percentages of young children compared to the average neighborhoods, there are a few very important requests to be changed on this plan.

- 1) Access to parks – putting in a nearby park and putting in bike paths would be extremely important to the safety of our children. Currently, there are no green spaces and therefore the kids are playing in the streets.
- 2) Access to bike paths – our neighborhood is currently stranded where the only way we can leave our neighborhood on bikes is by traveling on Old Sauk Road (extremely busy and dangerous) or by Elderberry Road (busy and potholes everywhere) or by Mineral Point Road (extremely busy and dangerous). There is no safe space for kids or adults to travel.
- 3) Dangerous connections of roads – currently, Big Stone Trail is being used as a thoroughfare and it's extremely dangerous as people are flying through the neighborhood. Since we have kids playing in the streets due to no green spaces, it's inevitable that something tragic will happen. A future plan is to have Burnt Sienna be a thoroughfare as well. I believe the safest way to have thoroughfares would be to only use Bear Claw Way and Pioneer; please do not connect Burnt Sienna any further to Mineral Point Road or Old Sauk Road because then it will be used as an extremely dangerous shortcut.
- 4) Limit multi-family and apartment complexes – since our green spaces are limited to none, adding multi-family and apartment complexes are only going to make things worse by putting more kids in places where they can't play safely. Unless you're able to put in a small pocket park in the plan for Section "B" on the drawing, there will be an incredible amount of pressure on the parks in the future Eagle Trace Veridian neighborhood and the Woodstone neighborhood park. The more units you allow, the more likely there will be kids playing unsafely in the streets due to extremely limited green space.

Thank you for your time.

Ryan & Carissa (& our 2 year old and 4 year old)  
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