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To: Plan Commission Comments

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I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition regarding the proposed addition of 80 homes to our mobile home park.

As a current resident, I firmly believe that our community does not have the capacity to accommodate more homes. The infrastructure in our park is already strained.

Our water supply is frequently disrupted due to ongoing repairs and the addition of new homes.

Most streets within the park have blind corners and obscured stop signs due to parked vehicles. The streets that are not one way are almost too narrow for two cars going in opposite directions. We also must either park in the street as there are no 'driveways' which is what leads to this crowding. With this crowding, it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians and other vehicles. Personally, I am nervous to drive (and walk honestly) most of the roads in the park. An unskilled operator of an emergency vehicle may find it difficult to navigate in case of emergency.

I would also like to highlight the urgent need for a storm shelter in our community. Given the frequency and severity of storms in our area, the safety of residents should be a top priority. Providing a storm shelter would offer much-needed protection and peace of mind, ensuring that we are prepared for any emergency situation.

There is currently no available option nearby for residents to shelter. The airport parking garage charges after 15 minutes, and while the fees are small, residents shouldn't also have to worry about their ability to pay to leave the parking garage. I have also heard public libraries are tornado shelters - I would argue that both the library and the airport are too far away to get to in case of emergency.

Adding more homes would exacerbate these issues, leading to additional overcrowding and a continual decline in the quality of life for all residents.

I kindly urge the committee to deny the request to build additional homes and instead recommend the management of the park focus on enhancing the safety and well-being of current residents by investing in a storm shelter, water upgrades for the whole park, and a solution to our unsafe streets. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Could you also let me know if copies of this plan are available and how I could obtain one?

Sincerely,

Chelsey Delap