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Commissioners:

As you review the Odana Plans, please consider the limited amount of green space that is shown.

There are currently many open spaces throughout the area that are used extensively by residents of the area and the adjacent neighborhoods. These include the walking areas and prairies at the Research Park, the wooded areas behind Oakwood and Brookdale, and the soccer fields at Mineral Point Road. This past year, we have seen the importance of outdoor activity and being able to interact with natural areas. As the apartments planned for Westgate, Odana Road and the corner of Mineral Point and Whitney are built and occupied, there will be even more need for these open, green spaces.

Storm water management is a large concern of the area. Please ask for clarification of storm-water management at the retention ponds/soccer fields. The plans show this area as a park. Based on the extensive flooding in 2018 which extended well beyond Mineral Point, Grand Canyon and Gammon Roads, an expensive rework of the site would need to be done if the retention ponds are removed.

Based on the heavy use of existing dog parks that are nearby, it is important that additional space be considered within the Odana Area.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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