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Just a quick note on the item before you tonight.

I note that the current proposal recommends allowing Trevor Way to end in a cul-de-sac.

I was on the Council, LRTPC, and PBMVC when the Comp Plan was adopted and when the zoning code rewrite was beginning . We were very clear - crystal clear with no room for misinterpretation - that cul-de-sacs were a no-no. We even wrote something into the Comp Plan that said essentially "no cul-de-sacs unless there is a cliff, river, or other physical obstruction that cannot be overcome."

The topography of the area under consideration tonight is not what we had in mind.

Cul-de-sacs are bad. They are bad for traffic; everyone driving must go another 1/2 mile to get in and out of their street. They are bad for emergency management - both the city and county do not allow cul-de-sacs BY ORDINANCE longer than 600 feet because of the danger of the one and only entrance to a block of homes being blocked. And they are not good for neighborhood cohesion; they are literally a dead end.

I'm glad there is a non-motorized extension to this cul-de-sac, but that doesn't mean we should accept something we expressly and clearly said we did not want to build.

No cul-de-sacs on Trevor Way. That was the original plan, and that is what we should stick to.

Thanks.

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