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Subject: Eagle Place development

Dear Tim:

On Tuesday I and several others met with Veridian leaders to learn more about their plans for the Schewe parcel. This meeting was very helpful and answered most of our concerns. It sounds like the project will have the support of most, if not all, of our neighbors.

However, Larry and I do have a few related concerns we want to address with the Planning Office.

1. We applaud the plan to have a 9-acre park near the eastern end of the parcel and encourage its installation in Phase 1, since there is no park serving the homes in Autumn Ridge and The Willows. However, we want the Planning Office to be aware that neighbors in The Willows continue to want an additional park nearer to their homes. We will work with the Parks Dept. to encourage additional park space.
2. We're guessing this neighborhood will generate about 2000-3000 trips per day by an estimated 450 cars. Therefore, we're concerned about how traffic will be funneled in and out of this parcel. We would like the city to ensure a minimum of three roads leading directly north onto Old Sauk Rd. We also want at least three easy-to-navigate north-south routes extending south through the Herrling property onto Mineral Pt Rd. We would prefer two exits onto Pioneer Rd but understand that the developer doesn't consider that feasible because of the topography.
3. We would like Eagle Place connected to Elderberry Rd. in such a way as to minimize adding significant traffic onto Elderberry. The Autumn Ridge, Woodstone, and Sauk Heights neighborhoods were all developed without residents being aware that Elderberry was envisioned to be a connector road. It seems unfair to dump this unpleasant change onto residents who unsuspectingly built along or near what has always been a quiet deadend street. Furthermore, the University has asked that it be given safe access to its farmland along Elderberry, which will become harder with more traffic on the road. Finally, we want the city to respect the history of this road as a rural pathway beloved by walkers and bikers, a quiet and pleasant route through farms and rolling hills -- crossing on its western end the Four Lakes Trail used by Native Americans and the Military Ridge trail used later by white settlers. While we understand that traffic planners are devoted to the concept of "connectivity," we would like them to consider that connectivity is both a blessing and a curse. It benefits cars and commuters who are in a hurry to get *through* a neighborhood, but not people living near the route who want connectedness with one another. Please! help us create livable space by thinking carefully about the design of Elderberry Rd.
4. Our one criticism of the Veridian plan is the placement of houses #1, #2, and #3 in the northeast corner near the Trinko property. Because these houses are separated from the rest of the development, they give that end of Eagle Place a really disjointed appearance. Furthermore, they'll block the vista now available from the bike path -- across the Middleton Community Church's land up to Pope Farm Conservancy. This vista is our connection to the land and to the people who farmed here for generations. We have made Veridian aware of our preference for these houses to be moved slightly west, and they seem open to that possibility.

Thank you for your consideration of our remarks.

Sharon and Larry Goss
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