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Subject: Grove Apartments, Plan Commission review, public comment

To Tim Parks, City Planner:

Hello,

My name is Emily Brookhyser and I'm a homeowner in the Eastmorland neighborhood (████ Johns St.). I want to express my opinion on the proposal for the Grove Apartments that will be up before the Plan Commission on Feb. 19th. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this meeting.

I strongly believe the Grove Apartments need more family (3 bedroom) units. I don't know the exact statistics, but I know that a large percentage of the homeless in Madison are children. The proposal I saw in our neighborhood newsletter shows only 16 family units, only 8 at 30% median income. I think that we need to be helping more than eight families here! This is compared to 54 one bedrooms, so a significant emphasis on single people. Given the unique location of the site, there should be an over-representation of family units, not under-representation.

I live only a few blocks from the proposed apartments, and I can tell you this is a very family-friendly neighborhood. We have many young and growing families living here already, and it would be the perfect place for a family that is struggling to gain a good footing and give opportunities to their children.

The site is within walking distance to the new Pinney Library, Schenk Elementary and Whitehorse Middle School, the YMCA - which offers childcare and summer camps for kids, Woodman's, along with seven parks! It is also across the street from Bethesda, which sells discount children's clothing and toys, and walking distance to Happy Bambino, which offers resources and classes to new mothers. Its also a short bus ride to LaFollette for teenagers. In short, it is the perfect place for a family with children of all ages. Not that single people wouldn't benefit from those resources, but families would benefit more so due to the close proximity of all of these child-centered resources.

I hope you will consider my comments and address this issue at the Feb. 19th meeting.
Thank you,
Emily Brookhyser