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Good evening,

Below you will find a comment sent by Adam Berger in response to the last email.

An interesting article was shared by him as well regarding a River Hills housing proposal by the Mandel Group. They proposed 204 high end apartments and two senior living facilities totaling 175 beds on a 53 acre farm. More information about the proposal and the community reaction can be found at:
<https://www.biztimes.com/2016/11/03/river-hills-residents-balk-at-mandel-groups-housing-proposal/>

The correspondence section of the Village website keeps growing. It also looks like the emails I sent are being posted there as well.

Let me know if anyone has any questions or any other information.

Tadeo

Comment from Adam:

1) The Ad Hoc Committee was created by Neil Palmer, Village Board President, to represent the community. Not once have we been allowed to speak at an Ad Hoc committee meeting and only today were the members contact email addresses released. The Ad Hoc committee discussed wrapping up their role of representing the community as it relates to the Reinders/Wangard development and coming to conclusions in the very near future. We need you present but moreover, given that the meetings are not open for public comment, we need you to write the Ad Hoc Committee members and all Village officials with your comments and thoughts. Time has quieted EG down and they need to hear our message, our voice, and hear it loud and strong. Our own Village president was published as saying that EG is getting behind the Reinders proposal. The AdHoc committee is not representing the public's voice or focusing on the issues of greatest concern. This is through no fault of the committee members many of whom have development, valuation, legal, and other relevant backgrounds. It does appear the Village President is looking to fast-track this plan as the tenor of messages from the Village staff includes language with our requests being %contrary to the best interests of the Village Board.+Messages from the Village President documented on the newly released website show Neil Palmer sparring with residents and telling them why they are wrong. Please attend the open house, make your comments and document them so there is a public record and open-records legacy to our points of concern.

2) Talk to your friends and neighbors and get them informed. Little has been done to tell the community about the project and only 50 EG residents attended the last open house. We need our voices heard and heard strong if we want to effect the change needed to the scope of this proposed development. The developer appears driven by ROI and has made few concessions on scale despite

it being the #1 problem we have voiced and they have heard resoundingly. The plans have dropped from 182 units to 176 and now include putting a THREE story building on Watertown Plank Road right next to Donø House at Katherine and WPR and relocating EGR to be a 4 way controlled intersection.

3) Worst - the recently released website that includes the correspondence link (<http://elmgrovewi.org/index.aspx?NID=560>) is certainly not exhaustive. It appears curated as there are dozens of messages sent to the Village regarding this project not represented here. There is a chance many are still being uploaded, but that is to be determined. I have concerns that we are being given curated content to build perceived support for the project that few residents appear to be behind and the voices of those in support are clearly overwhelming the majority who have significant valid concerns. The time is running out it appears to voice concerns through the Ad Hoc committee and the Village has created no mechanism to voice concerns other than emailing individual committee members which I encourage EVERY member of this email list to do.