

Monday November 28, 2017

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Re: Reinders/Wangard Redevelopment Proposal

Dear Village of Elm Grove and Reinders/Wangard Ad Hoc Committee,

My name is Cristina Martinez and along with my husband Rafael Santana, own the property located in 13700 Juneau Blvd, that is located in front of N Elm Grove Rd, west of the Village Park. With this letter I want to let you know that I am opposed to development of the Reinders/Wangard as it is currently proposed.

Even though I would like to see Elm Grove grow more diverse by having additional residential property, I am truly concerned about what the construction of +170 apartments, as currently proposed, would do to the health of residents, the aesthetics of Elm Grove, and our property value.

Adding approximately 170 x 2 cars to the area will increase traffic considerably to Juneau, Elm Grove Rd and Water Town, especially during rush hour or when a train is passing by. The increase in the number of vehicles will add pollution to the air and noise to the neighborhood. It has been well documented in the medical literature that air pollution is an asthma trigger for some asthmatics, and that proximity to traffic is associated with adverse respiratory health effects in children. Also, the elderly have higher risk for cardiovascular and respiratory disease from short-term exposure to fine particle pollution much as motor vehicles (NIH: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/elderly-have-higher-risk-cardiovascular-respiratory-disease-fine-particle-pollution>). Having such an increase of traffic around the park will have negative effects to the health of residents. Elm Grove is a "Bird City," which means the city is committed to make its environment thrive for birds, wildlife, and people.

Moreover, we would like to see a comprehensive plan from the Developers and the Village of Elm Grove on how the current site will be decontaminated before and during any type of construction, and how the soil and the underwater will be protected. Our property is considerably close to the development site and the risk is high our well water to be contaminated, which is unacceptable.

Finally, the reason we bought this property a few years back was because Elm Grove has a unique beauty. It has conserved its "village charm" regardless of the development and growth of close by neighborhoods, and avoided large chain stores and tall buildings. We hope that any future development take this unique qualities and incorporate them into any proposal.

Please consider our thoughts for future ideas on the development on the Reinders/Wangard site and if you have any question, do not hesitate to contact me .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cristina Martinez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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