

Public Comment

I have several concerns about the plans for Summergate development. I understand that this site needs to be developed but it appears to be very dense. The lots are small and this concerns me for a number of reasons. 1. are the schools (Sun Path, East Middle School, High School) prepared for the number of students that will come with 588 new units? 2. the England Way entrance to the neighborhood worries me for the amount of traffic coming in. There are no sidewalks on England way and there are a lot of children who currently live in Monarch estates subdivision and will be moving into this new development. They all will walk to Sunpath or SACS. The kids currently living there are used to playing in the streets as it is a very quiet and low traffic neighborhood. With so much new traffic coming in, at who knows what speed, and no sidewalks, I fear for the safety of pedestrians, children especially. 3. The row of homes along King avenue have very small back yards as planned. This creates a small distance between the homes in Monarch estates on King Avenue and the homes in the new development. When you compare these sites to others in the new development, the size of the yards is significantly smaller and for the King Avenue residents, will significantly affect their home value, as well as personal space and privacy needs. These folks are not allowed to have fences due to the easement in their back yards. They deserve more space between them and the planned house on the lot behind them. Thank you for your consideration.

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I do not think that the addition of open spaces is a very good trade off to back yard space, especially with what our world is going through for the unforeseeable future. Our backyards are the only place we can go outside. We can not go to parks, we can not go to shared outdoor spaces. I am a resident of Queen Ave. I do not think it is fair to crowd those houses together and minimize the space between the house and our property line. Please reconsider the 25ft. Backyards. The guidelines are there for a reason, and should be followed. Just as we should be following the pandemic guidelines to keep us safe!

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My biggest concern is the amount of traffic the development will have on existing neighborhoods. I am asking for planning committees to consider ways to minimize through traffic in these areas, and develop major roadways in areas that have not yet been developed. Existing dead ends could be developed into shorter roads leading to culdesacs. By creating through streets into these undeveloped lands, a nightmare for existing residents is created, and there are ways ensure everyone's happiness. Our many children play heavily in these areas, the noise level will exponentially increase all of which will create dissatisfaction for many.

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Subject: RE: Summergate Development

Mark.

Thank you for providing me with the information about the link for comment, the traffic flow study and how we can attend the planning commission meeting next week.

I'd like to speak a moment about the notice we received and the cancelled informational meeting.

I've reached out to my neighborhood Facebook group. While we all received the notice, the link you mentioned that is listed there is just to www.shakopeemn.gov. Some folks indicated to me that they didn't know where to go on the website. Many, like me, said they also did not realize that there would no longer be an informational meeting to learn more or to have questions answered. We assumed it would be rescheduled or done on something like Zoom. The fact that there will no longer be an informational meeting is not mentioned in this notice. It also does not seem clear that the only place for us to really learn anything about the proposal is in the link provided (that you have to search for on the city website). The notice does not tell us that we can find the PUD slides there and that this will be the only information provided to us.

We feel that it is likely that the other residents in nearby neighborhoods may also not have known about these things. There are many who live in these neighborhoods that are not native English language speakers, and so they could be at even more of a disadvantage in understanding how to proceed with concerns.

The PUD slide presentation in the link you emailed me, while providing a visual representation of the site are not very helpful from a practical standpoint to the general public. It is full of jargon and confusing for those that do not understand how to read plats and PUDs. There is no audio presentation to go along with this that might have at least been created to replace the cancelled informational meeting.

Let me be clear, we understand that with the COVID-19 mitigations, the original informational meeting had to be canceled. However, we assumed there would still be an informational meeting before it went to Planning Commission in order to explain everything and answer questions. This could have been done over a Zoom webinar or other similar platform. I'm not sure where to find city procedure but I always thought this was how it worked. Since there has been no information sharing, the planning commission (and hence the City Council) should wait to make any decisions until the due process has been fulfilled. We are very concerned that we have no real opportunity to learn about the development in a comprehensive and understandable way. Even if we can attend the planning commission's meeting, we doubt that the time will be given to help inform affected residents about the plan in a way that is understandable and let them ask their questions. In addition, many people may not feel it is safe to attend anyways and if an electronic way is not provided to attend, ask questions, and comment from home, this seems unfair.

I'd like the Planning Commission to consider that we feel there has been a lack of transparency and clarity provided for the affected residents who have very real concerns about safety, traffic flow, and density issues.

Thank you,

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