

Community Association Letter



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Re: Land Use Application # LOC2018-0157
"Land Use for Sage Hill Civic Center"

In mid-summer of 2018 the Sage Hill Community Association received a Land Use application from the city regarding the Sage Hill library/civic center. As it incorporated a subsidized housing and transit component we felt obligated to share it with our residents in poll format to gauge public opinion. That poll had 729 votes and 81% were opposed to the project. As such we sent notice to the applicant team listing our concerns.

On Sept. 11 the Sage Hill Community Association met with the projects applicant team to work through a number of questions/concerns surrounding the development which ranged from overall building height/size, total number of units, concerns of increased neighborhood crime, project finishing materials, parking and noise. Thankfully all our concerns were addressed and we as an association are a lot more open to the concept after speaking with the applicant team. We do still have concerns with design, potential crime and noise and we think having more multi bedroom suites to attract families in need of housing vs single bedroom units would be more beneficial to the community. Grounds maintenance, exterior building materials, trim and windows design/coverings were a few other comments we worked through during this meeting. Which again were addressed or are still being discussed as the project comes to design phase.

Overall the Sage Hill Community Association is satisfied with the efforts of the applicant team and their willingness to address our concerns and work with us on this project. Of course there will always be some issues and concerns surrounding subsidized housing and transit projects and we hope to continue discussing these issues and working through them. The general position of our community association is of neutral opinion on this project as of today, as we recognize the need for these facilities and we look forward to providing additional comments at the detailed design stage.

One recommendation we would like to purpose is some portion of the site be considered for temporary or if possible permanent recreational purposes (ie: hockey rink, basketball court, tennis courts, skate park etc...) as our community is greatly lacking in these amenities.

Thank you for working with us and continuing the relationship with Sage Hill, we look forward to the next round of discussions,

Regards

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