

This neighborhood is a tight-knit and supportive community. We all want to maintain the character of the area and our property values. That value and quality of life are the two things that motivated the majority of us to purchase homes in NTC. We bought our home because we wanted to be able to walk safely with pets and children in a beautiful neighborhood or perhaps stroll down to dinner without the crush of too many people in an area designed to support a lighter density.

I feel our quality of life is threatened with the addition of high density housing. We assumed the town center zoning in place when we bought our home *was not subject to change*. Changing it now is like receiving a pig when I paid for a fine horse - it feels dishonest. It seems outrageously unfair that we cannot count on our local government to honor the critical zoning which was in place when we bought our home - zoning that affects so many areas of our life: environment, traffic, noise, and certainly, our investment.

I understand developers need to make money on their projects. But can we not reach a compromise that honors the original town center concept while still allowing for their profit? I believe other communities (including Atlanta and Franklin, TN) have found a way to include gentle commerce with low density housing. It does not seem an unreasonable request.

Our neighborhood is committed to being collaborative, but refuses to do nothing to stop a zoning change with a significant uptick in density that will bring an incredible strain to streets, utilities, traffic, school overcrowding/zoning and negatively affect property values.

In the interest of fairness, I would point out that we requested (and received) a 30-day continuance to work through our concerns with the development corporation. The company withheld information until 3 days before the hearing, leaving us an impossibly short amount of time to assess their position. We do not feel that deliberate withholding was a sign of good faith.

We are committed to finding a compromise and welcome your guidance and input. We feel like we are defending our most precious possession against an unfair change in zoning and all the problems it will bring. Please consider the needs of our wonderful community when you make your decision about continuance and zoning.

Thank you for your help and consideration. Feel free to contact me with questions or further clarification.

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