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Subject: Zoning docket W-3553

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Zoning docket W-3553

My name is Doris Joyner and my home is 5701 Harpers Ferry Road. I am concerned about the special property that has been submitted by DS Legacy Properties LLC on the south side of Indiana Avenue across from Appomattox Drive. My concern is the amount of units to be placed in an area which already has traffic problems.

This portion of Indiana Avenue is a narrow and busy two lane Avenue which gets even narrower down near the railroad trellis. There is no paved pullover on the left or right side of the road at this part of Indiana. The railroad trellis creates a blind area for cars already traveling on Indiana. The road narrows at the trellis. Including 18 units per acre will increase the traffic flow of the number of vehicles.

Another concern is student safety. It has city buses and school buses traveling this area. Presently there is a bus stop for K-12 students at the corner of Appomattox and Indiana for Stonewall students. There is also a school bus stop for the apartment complex Olde North Village which is a few feet above the proposed site. Adding 18 units per acre will increase the student population. The number of students will increase and school buses will increase too especially between 6:30 am to 8:30 am and evening 3:30 pm. to 5 pm. Drivers traveling at this time of day will endanger children in this narrow area of Indiana. There is only a small grassy waiting area for students. Cars coming down Indiana Avenue before Appomattox Drive put our students in jeopardy of being hit.

City bus traffic will increase too in this already narrow area of Indiana which is not far from the railroad trellis and at the entrance across from the Stonewall Community. City bus riders who are waiting to catch the city buses are having to wait in a grassy area, and sometimes wet area to catch the buses. The number of bus riders will increase the morning commute.

Whenever an accident occurs in this area traffic backs up and there is no turn around area lane or a wide road shoulder to keep traffic moving.

Adding 18 multifamily units proposed per acre will create several traffic and safety problems. What does the City propose to do for the traffic flow before these units are built? Can the proposed number of units be lessened for this already congested area to ten?

There are residents young and old across from this proposed area which will be affected too from this new overflow of traffic and increase of families.

Is there a proposed new traffic pattern which will give wider lanes and turning lanes for cars on each side of Indiana to safely enter their home? Will school buses enter in the newly proposed area for students to safely wait for their buses?

As a homeowner safety is important and as a retired school administrator student safety is important.

Thank you.

Doris Joyner

Sent from my iPad