

Hello,

I have recently been informed by members of the Sylvan Highlands Neighborhood Association that a request has been initiated to rezone the property at 6141 SW Canyon Court from the current R20 to a proposed MultiFamily 2,000. This property is on the corner of SW 61st Drive and SW Canyon Court.

As a resident of SW 61st Drive for 25 years, I vehemently oppose this rezoning. I have already seen our rural neighborhood transform with the building of a Forest Heights. We have already absorbed a huge amount of traffic cutting through our neighborhood coming and going to the Sylvan access to Hwy 26. Then, many years ago, when the Sylvan overpass was redesigned and access to Canyon Court was literally cut off, we had to absorb even more traffic trying to find a way in and out of the huge apartment complex at the west end of Canyon Court.

If you have never driven on SW 61st Drive, I urge you to please do so. You will find a narrow, very winding road with trees and foliage right up to, and sometimes covering, the white lines on both sides of the road. There is no room at all on either side of the road for pedestrians. There are numerous blind corners. There are no street lights - it is completely black at night. Don't even get me started on inclement weather and our street. There are brave souls out walking, jogging, and biking on this road all the time. Not to mention deer and coyotes and other wildlife. And frequently, me and my Golden Retriever.

As an avid gardener, I am out in my front yard year round for several hours at a time. I see first hand all the cars and near misses with bikes and pedestrians. I have been those near misses a few times myself. I know several dogs that have been killed by cars. Our house is located on the "drag strip" - the only straight spot on SW 61st Drive. I know which cars live on our street, which cars are regular cut through commuters, and which drivers are lost and trying to find the cemetery (they stop in my driveway to ask how to get there). The very last thing we need added to our street is more cars. The first thing we need is sidewalks.

Please, please do not allow the zoning change. We can't absorb any more traffic.

I am very happy to talk with you about this issue if you want or attend any meetings. If you decide to drive on our street, please feel free to stop by and meet in person. Stand in my driveway for a few minutes during evening rush hour and I think you'll see why I oppose the rezoning.

Thank you for reading all of this. It does feel great as a citizen to still have input.

Sincerely,

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