

2202 0216 Jane Seegal written testimony Follow up to her verbal testimony at the CP Public Hearing

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I second John McClelland's praise. I think it's an impressive document.

However, I'm concerned about two issues that we tried to deal with when I was an alternate on the Planning Commission ten years ago that, to my knowledge, still haven't been addressed. Now, I hope, is the time.

The first is, is mansionization -- the prevention of it -- addressed? (I saw infill mentioned on page 131 but I think that's the opposite). Once someone tears down a house and prepares to build a monstrosity, we may not be able to do anything. The issue isn't going to hit my little corner of the Grove but I can see it as an issue elsewhere.

Second, something I saw on page 136 raised my antennae about propane tanks. They carry a rare but real risk of devastating explosion. There was such an explosion up route 108 near Etchison earlier this year. Given how close our houses are to each other and the fact that some tanks abut roads or paths where vehicles sometimes pass, I continue to hope the Town will move to limit them.

Bonus: somewhere I saw a paragraph discussing Emory Grove and could not for the life of me figure out what the last sentence said.

Thanks,

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