

#11

PLEASE REVIEW AND
RETURN TO STAFF

02/09/15

Renee Disch & Jason Hardies
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned about the 80 unit apartment going up across from my house from the parking/driving perspective.

Currently, Hercules Trail has heavy traffic. People take Hercules instead of Jupiter Drive to get down to that entire Northwest section of the neighborhood. The road has a sharp curve to it, so combined with high speeds that people travel down the hill, it makes pulling out onto Hercules Trail already dangerous. Additionally, people park on the street in front of and across from my house. Alternate side winter parking cuts further on available parking. Although I have a 2 car garage, it is the tiniest 2 car garage I've seen. Two small cars will fit only if you have nothing else in the garage (like bikes). And it has a super short driveway so you can't park an extra car in the driveway. My neighbors and I frequently have to park second cars on the street.

I am concerned about a driveway opening onto Hercules Trail for the reasons listed above. Please move the driveway to Charon Lane or Jupiter Drive. The other apartment building that went up doesn't have a driveway onto Hercules and that seems to work well.

I also want to check that the apartment building will have at least 120 off street parking spaces for tenants so that there is room to park on Hercules Trail by those that own homes on Hercules if needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Renee Disch & Jason Hardies".

Renee Disch & Jason Hardies

From: Roger Brooks
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Parks, Timothy
Subject: Proposed project at 5802 & 5818 Charon Lane

Mr. Parks:

At the public hearing on Monday, Feb. 9, I spoke to this item (#11) on the agenda.

I disagreed with a previous speaker, a resident on Hercules Dr., who claimed that there was "no traffic" on Jupiter Drive, and who, therefore, advocated for a change in the architect's plans that would move the entrance to the underground garage from Hercules to Jupiter Drive. As a resident at The Arbors at Oak Park Place, located at 618 Jupiter Drive, I said that I know there is a "modest" amount of traffic on Jupiter Drive since our apartment is on the first floor of The Arbors, directly across from the proposed apartment building. I also expressed concern about my safety in crossing that street when walking a resident's dog.

I would like now to add some comments. The entrance to our Arbors underground garage is on Jupiter Drive, across from the Hercules resident's proposed entrance to the planned apartment building. Therefore, there certainly are cars constantly going into and out of that driveway to our garage. Furthermore, there is a fair amount of traffic going into and out of our circle parking lot at 618 Jupiter Drive, at the corner of Charon and Jupiter, including rather frequent visits by emergency vehicles.

I might add that the new, large apartment building that is being built on the site of the one destroyed by fire last summer, down the street a short ways from the planned apartment building, will generate quite a bit of new traffic. I imagine that at least some of it will drive on Jupiter Drive.

With these thoughts in mind, I believe it would be unwise to have the plans changed to put the garage entrance on Jupiter Drive.

Since I had to leave the hearing before the Planning Commission took action, can you tell me what that action was?

Thank you in advance for your response.

Roger Brooks
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