

From: Gilbert Williams
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:12 AM
To: Shirley Lamonna
Cc: Arlan Colton; Chris Poirier; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5; Robin Brigode;

Subject: Thank You and Additional Comments

Dear Ms. Lamonna

Thank you for your update. It is good of you to keep us informed of the decisions which are being made.

I am copying this response to all of the Supervisors and to other Pima County officials who have been involved with this overall process. I am also copying my neighbors so that they may respond in kind.

I must say that I am not content with the decisions discussed in your message. I believe that myself and interested neighbors are being removed from the discussion process. Immediately following is a presentation of issues pertinent to each of the bulleted "outreach activities" in your message:

First Bullet - I left the November 19th meeting with the understanding that myself, my neighbors, and/or our representatives would be invited to participate in the meetings between Mr. Portner and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection which were to be held PRIOR to the January 21st public hearing. Now it appears that this meeting is scheduled to be held sometime the week of January 20th. As of this date I am not aware of any invitation to this meeting. IT IS STILL MY EXPECTATION THAT WE BE INVITED TO THIS MEETING.

Second and Third Bullets - It was my understanding that the input from the Department of Transportation related to traffic and from the Marana School District related to school capacities was to be solicited by the Board of Supervisors (BOS), not Mr. Portner. If these outreach efforts have not occurred, the BOS share responsibility for delaying discussion of the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

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Frankly, I consider the delay of these discussions to be unnecessary. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted against consideration of amending the Pima County Comprehensive Plan with respect to all of these 4 properties on September 25, 2013 and forwarded the resultant recommendation to the BOS. The vote against the amendment associated with the parcel adjacent to my home (Co7-13-06) was a resounding 6 – 1. In spite of this, the public comments offered by myself and my neighbors, and the numerous letters forwarded in opposition to these plan amendments, the BOS continues to entertain the acceptance of Mr. Portner's request.

Now, myself and my neighbors are being denied participation in the forthcoming meeting(s) between Mr. Portner and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection. In fact, our participation in discussions with Mr. Portner seems to have morphed before our very eyes to "small-group meetings with interested neighbors to discuss revised buffering and setbacks." This is unacceptable! Suggesting that our participation be limited to such meetings seems a blatant admission that the alteration of the Comprehensive Plan and the rezoning of each of these properties are faits accomplis. For emphasis, the definition of this term, in the singular, is "something done or already in effect, making opposition or argument useless." I must admit my personal feeling that these changing offers for involvement and presumptive activities may be worthy of media attention.

Please understand that the opposition to the alteration of the plan which has been put forth by my wife and I and our neighbors is not one which denies the opportunity for the current or future owner of these four parcels to proceed with development. We purchased our property with full knowledge that the parcel behind our home was zoned to allow 3 homes on each 10 acres (LIU). Although not our dream, we can live with this. What we can not live with is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan which will allow rezoning to accommodate 10 homes per acre on this parcel (MIU). This amounts to a change from the possibility of 9 homes on this parcel to 300.

Numerous invitations have been proffered to Ms. Miller to come and visit this parcel. We sincerely hope she will accept this and come see the beauty this natural desert offers. Is it selfish of us to expect the BOS to keep what we considered to be their part of the bargain in our purchase of our property? We don't think so. We paid more than we had planned for our home (and now more taxes) because of the charm of this natural desert and because we considered the Comprehensive Plan to be a promise that it may be developed only at the LIU level.

My wife and I will be at the meeting on January 21st, February 18th, and future meetings, patiently waiting our turn to provide input, no matter how burdensome and disruptive to our lives this may continue to be.

Please keep the Comprehensive Plan as is.

Sincerely,

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From: Shirley Lamonna
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 8:26 AM
Subject: Update on Thornydale Road Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Dear Constituent,

Following is a brief update regarding the four proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments on N. Thornydale Road (Co7-13-03, 04 & 05) and W. Hardy Road (Co7-13-06):

As you are aware, the Board voted to continue the discussion until January 21, 2014, to:

- allow discussions between the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and the property owners
- secure a traffic impact report from the Pima County Department of Transportation and
- secure input on capacity from the Marana School District.

While the four Comprehensive Plan amendments are still scheduled for the 21st, Mr. Portner (Projects International, Inc. on behalf of Red Point Development, Inc.) has requested that they be moved to the Board of Supervisors meeting of February 18, 2014, to allow sufficient time for these outreach activities. The Board will vote at the January 21st meeting whether to allow or deny this request.

In response to the comments and direction received at the November 19th Board meeting, Mr. Portner has further advised us that he has a meeting scheduled with Ms. Campbell during the week of January 20th to review open space set-asides. Subsequent to that, he will host small-group meetings with interested neighbors to discuss revised buffering and setbacks. Those meetings are anticipated to be held during the last week of January and the first week in February, with invitations extended prior to January 21, 2014.

I can assure you that Supervisor Miller will keep all public comments in mind as she weighs her decision on these Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Thank you again for your input.

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