

I would like to thank each one of the planning commissioners for the service you provide to our communities. I realize that being in your position you are constantly dealing with people who feel helpless against change and growth in which they have not been able to accept for many different reasons. I realize that many of those concerned people are against the changes to their surrounding for what it is. Change. As we all know change can be good or bad depending strictly on the opinion of the individual asked. The proposed rezoning request by Thunder Mountain properties to planned residential is a request I hope each of you will look closely into before making a decision that will affect our community for years to come.

With their being such a lack of information to be found on Thunder Mountain Properties it appears to me that they are a very young organization. Their inexperience has been evident in many ways to the community. From filling in creeks and drainage ditches to their employees trash talking neighbors of the project including myself who are rightfully concerned about their carefree actions. I have personally mailed two letters to Mr. Malicote along with two emails with no response. This is a very large project for such a very young seemingly inexperienced organization to take on and we are very concerned by this.

Please consider the fact that this development and others around it will be dumping traffic into one of the most dangerous stretches of road in our state. In a study done by a local news network released in June of this year, **76** people have died on Chapman Hwy between Knoxville and Sevierville since 2005. Over six people every year! Adding 400 more cars (just from this development) to this bottle necked section of Chapman Hwy makes no sense to our community. If these developments are approved at this size the families who are unfortunate enough to move in them will not stay. Traffic will be unbearable. Some will wake up with storm water surging through their homes were creeks have been filled and rerouted only to walk outside to hear the noise from the next door industrial plant which averages **87.1 decibels** over a **30** minute period. They may even get to smell the **melted fiberglass** being poured into the mold of new Bullet bass boat.

We need people to move here who will stay here and contribute to our neighborhoods.

We are already seeing the shortage of goods in our local stores because of the shipping log jam in California with no end in sight. We need to be planning how to support the current population of Knox County instead of trying to make room for more people which will only thin the already dwindling supply of goods we need. Many economists are predicting a crash worse than 2008 in our near future.

We have all heard the excuse that no one comes to these meetings until it involves their next door neighbor. This should not be used as an excuse to allow for ridiculous decision making. Most sources show that the most common work hours are Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm and yet these meetings are held at 130pm on Wednesday.

Many economists are predicting a crash worse than 2008 in our very near future. Many of you have stated that your goals are to support reasonable growth, to preserve the beauty, appropriate land use, reduce urban sprawl, reasonable consideration, and environmental concerns.

Please stay true to your word.

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