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Dear Knox County Planning Commissioners,

I will write in earnest when I have a larger span of time, but just learned we have a planning commission tomorrow night, and a group of us from Hardin Valley plan to attend.

The uncontrolled growth of our community is one of my deepest concerns. It is my express intent, once I find the best way to serve, to discover a way to make our Hardin Valley part of a more thoughtful growth plan. There has been little to no thought, pardon my frankness, in the planning of subdivisions, APARTMENTS, land use, rezoning, and roadways as well as roadway LIGHTING. How about our beloved schools bursting at the seams and the over-worked teachers and staff...although they love our children mightily, they have concerns about over-populated classrooms and responsibilities. I could actually capitalize and italicize all of these concerns, and I'm sure I'm forgetting other pertinent items. Although we are one of the few areas in Knoxville area with available agricultural land for rezoning, it is precisely the open expanses of land that has made Hardin Valley the unique, western corner of the community that it is.

Lived here 32 years, and obviously have watched a frenzy of growth in Knoxville since that time. However, Hardin Valley has been under attack for specifically, the past 10 years, and it appears the Sector Growth Plan is not working, and it further is not working in the best interest of the citizens of Hardin Valley.

If it's broken or-- to our greatest concern, unthoughtful, let's fix this. I made an earnest attempt to read the Growth Plan on line, but as I did, it truly had no architecture to it...what is the Growth Plan going forward? SURELY it is not the plan from 2016? What is our Green-space plan?

It feels as though we need to incorporate as our own township in order to have more control over zoning approvals and again, our Sector Growth plan.

If not forming our own township at the present is the answer, albeit far-fetched, then we need to candidly and thoughtfully, discuss our community's growth. Not sure who or what that would involve, but I'm happy to step up, be a more active partner, with your guidance.

See you all tomorrow evening,

Best,

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