

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed final plat 8-SC-23-F in Hardin Valley (Lantern Park subdivision).

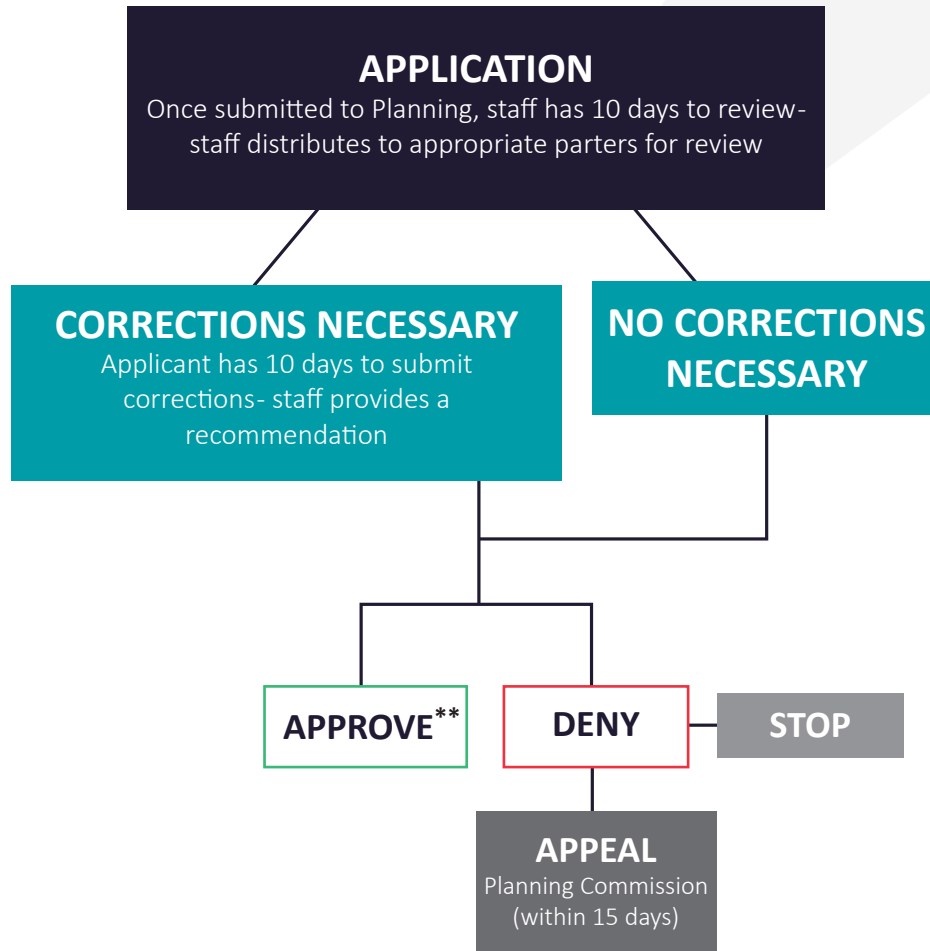
Along with opposing the number of units requested, I want to voice my opposition to the five drive-ways off Mission Hill Lane. This boulevard entrance was fully funded by the developer of Massey Creek. The proposed plan for Lantern Park has an entry off Hardin Valley Road. The developer could have easily planned for all lots to have an entry and exit from this new road they have added. Planning Commission recommendations for this portion of the subdivision included a single circle drive with one entrance and one exit, yet the planning commission ignored this recommendation and approved numerous variances in order to add these five driveways and other parts of the original proposal. The process you have posted under "what is next" on your website for minor subdivisions includes (no variances on the pdf). Why would all of the original variances requested not be considered when deciding whether to approve or deny this final plat?

Furthermore, our subdivision has been under litigation and currently still is, yet the builder has continued to keep moving forward including requesting this final plat. How was a final approval given from your organization for 26 homes when your rules state anything over 25 homes must be presented before the board? How can this be on the August agenda if the final plat request should have been submitted by 7/3/2023, the first Monday immediately preceding the month of the commission meeting, yet they did not submit until 7/7/2023? Time and time again the planning commission has failed us whether it be approving multiple variances due to hardships the builder has caused themselves with their own development proposed, ignoring your own planning commissions recommendations, and not following your own processes and rules for approval. When these things happen with developments proposed by current or past commission members, what kind of example does that set for others wishing to build in Knoxville. And lastly, how can this request even be added to the agenda with litigation pending and no final judgement?

As a resident of Hardin Valley for the last 16 years, I am not against growth in Hardin Valley. But there is a big difference with having smart planned growth and approving every request and variance a builder asks for. Mr. Smith was on the planning commission during this original request. He should be an example to other developers in our area and not request variances due to issues he has caused with his own plat proposal. We Massey Creek Residents urge you to do the right thing and deny this request if it includes the five lots that dump out onto our entrance.

The Plats Process - Minor Subdivision

No Variance Required



*In addition to approving or denying a case, the Planning Commission may also choose to postpone, table or withdraw it.

**If the case is denied, the applicant or any other resident interested in the case may appeal the decision to the Planning Commission. The case may also be appealed to court after it is heard by the Planning Commission. If the case is approved, anyone interested in the case may appeal the decision straight to court.