

9018 Legends Lake Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922
January 30, 2024

Knoxville – Knox County Planning Commission
400 Main Street, SW #403
Knoxville, TN 37902

Re: Development Plan 2-B-24-DP; The Club at Gettysvue

Dear Commissioners:

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This is the first time I have ever written to you concerning a zoning matter in the Knoxville area. I do not undertake this lightly. I find the matter so egregious, so upsetting, that I feel compelled to set forth my objections to this proposal.

When I first heard of this proposal to add multistory apartment buildings in the middle of our lovely community I thought it was a joke. Then I was aghast. When we had decided to retire here in Knoxville 10 years ago, we had looked for a community that presented a feeling of peace and tranquility, with all private homes on nice sized lots, with no sidewalks for a quiet, serene feel. People walked their dogs on the streets, stopping to talk with neighbors who were out front of their own homes or others passing by. A lovely, quiet and peaceful community.

For me, this is a visual issue. All of a sudden a developer decides to change all of that in one stroke, taking twenty five years of careful cultivation of genteel beauty in this community and throwing it to the gutter. To have two large, multistory apartment buildings in the middle of our lovely community would be an incredible eyesore, standing out like a proverbial “sore thumb”. Such large and tall buildings would, aesthetically speaking, be nothing short of jarring.

Of course one can talk of other issues. But to me, if someone were to construct such large apartment buildings in the middle of Gettysvue, there would be no going back to what we in this community now have. I hope that you place such value on the creation of a community. I know we here in Gettysvue do.

Sincerely,

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