

In 2017 or 2018, it's been so many years I cannot remember the exact month, I was jogging around my neighborhood when I noticed little, red flags I had never seen before surrounding our common area. I googled to see what those flags meant and found out those were typically placed by surveyors who were in the beginning stages of measuring land for building. Several phone calls later I was connected to the Knoxville planning commission who told me that yes the developer, Chad Roberts, was planning to build residential homes on that property. I reviewed my closing documents from the purchase of my home only a year before and saw the plot map clearly listed that area as common area. When I chose the zoned residential lot I wanted to build my house on I remember having a discussion with Chad and his realtor... How nice I said that I could sit on my front porch and look at a little park across the street with trees. In an effort to save our common area I went door-to-door explaining the situation to neighbors who were as equally upset. We created a petition that I turned in by hand to the planning commission. Several neighbors also called and voiced their concern...we caused a bit of a fuss those few weeks at the planning commissions office. It all ended well though or so we thought. The planning commission told me that they asked Chad Roberts to stop because they had been under the impression that the homeowners association had been part of the decision to change this common area to residential lots. The planning office didn't know we were unaware. I was also told by the planning commission that they weren't sure what would happen next, but they assumed Chad would be upset with them. I left for vacation the next week and when I returned home, the red flags were gone and seven years have now passed never hearing another word about the common area. I pay my yearly HOA fees without complaint and enjoy looking at the park during my morning jogs. I had absolutely no idea that the developer had secretly went back in 2018 without the neighbors and HOAs knowledge yet again to quit claim himself the common area.