



North Ada County Foothills Association

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NACFA Update—In case anyone doubted...Part 2; Revised next steps/meetings.

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In Case Anyone Doubted...Part 2

At their pre-council workshop on 10/24, the Eagle City Council decided to proceed with a full, public comprehensive plan process for North Foothills and defer any decisions on M3 or Suncor until that process is completed (target completion = May 1, 2007). It does appear that M3 will keep their applications “active” (i.e. not withdraw them), but they do seem to be joining the party by opening up to at least discussing changes in their development concept (in the context of the City’s foothills-wide planning effort).

I do not want to overstate the influence we (all who are participating in general and especially all who participated at the 10/16 P&Z hearing) had on this course of events. Nevertheless, I do think we had a material impact and should feel pretty good about that. At least partially due to our efforts, there is now a broad coalition (including such agencies as ACHD and ITD) pulling in the same direction—to have this area planned properly, as a whole, and considering the hard issues of traffic, water supply, cost/benefit, etc. and the opportunities for protecting really meaningful wildlife habitat and open space.

So, thanks again to everyone. This is not the end of the story, but it certainly is a major positive outcome under the circumstances. Thanks are also due to the City Council for doing what they know is right (under what I believe has been major pressure by M3 to get their project through without having to deal all this “big picture” stuff...). I will follow up with details of the City’s schedule and milestones as they are defined.

Ok, what’s next? Read on...

- **Update—No Need to Attend: Eagle Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing-M3 & Suncor**—6:30 PM, Monday, 10/30 at City Hall. We are assured that there will be no decisions made on either M3 or Suncor, per the above course change by the City. We are not even sure if Suncor will present anything; they have indicated that they are completely comfortable working their concept as part of the full comp. plan process. We are not sure if M3 will still be presenting information...anyone interested can inquire further.

- **County Planning & Zoning Commission—Work Session (County Comp. Plan Update, including Draft North Foothills Sub-Area Plan) – 5:00 PM, Thursday, 11/2, first floor Ada County Courthouse.** See my 10/21 Update—This is still happening and we need to pay attention. The County has already conducted another Steering Committee meeting dealing with potential revisions to the draft plan; they “forgot” to inform us of the timing for that meeting. So, again, try to attend this one if you can, but the major push (if needed—but likely) will need to happen at the formal hearing two weeks hence.
- **County Planning & Zoning Commission—Public Hearing (County Comp. Plan Update, including Draft North Foothills Sub-Area Plan) – 6:00 PM, Thursday, 11/16, first floor Ada County Courthouse.** *This one could be an “All Hands, Everyone and Their Dog” event.* I will follow-up after seeing what transpires at the 11/2 workshop.
- **Kastera is Back:** Especially for those of us in “rural Eagle east”, yes, our favorite developers--the kings of misinformation--are back. They have yet another project manager for their land bordering the Stillwell, Holl, Triple Ridge, Buckskin and Brookside neighborhoods. This week, they are saying [1] they will be going into Eagle (who has heard nothing from them; and, as far as I know, Triple Ridge still holds all the cards in any bid they might make for annexation), and [2] that they have their access onto Willow Creek and another “to the south” all arranged with ACHD (this is news to ACHD, who also has heard nothing from them). For those of you who have been paying attention, “The Boys” last reported that they were all set to submit their application (for who knows what) to the County (although...you guessed it...they had not contacted the County about anything specific). **I mention this now because their new project manager has told us that they will be having another neighborhood meeting soon...so, keep your Halloween costumes out and ready...**

Best regards,

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Conclusions & Recommendations

- **Re-orient priorities to a full, open Eagle Foothills Plan**
 - It is the City's role to lead
 - The Community expects it – it is Eagle's strength & tradition
 - We want to participate and help
- **Take counsel from public involvement to date**
- **Build on the work that has been done**
- **Establish citizen work groups/committees on critical subjects/issues**
 - Water
 - Wildlife habitat & open space
 - Traffic/roadway requirements
- **Look at a range of possible futures**
- **Create a Community Vision before any decision on parts of pieces**

