



North Ada County Foothills Association

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NACFA Strategy Meeting Date Change—Final Time and Location, plus... Renewed Call for Participation—Letter Writing—Hearing Attendance

Hi all,

First and foremost I want to reinforce the importance of taking both individual and collective **ACTION NOW** in response to **Eagle's draft Foothills Plan**, which **should be subtitled:**

*“Hey, 5 lanes on Eagle Road through downtown are OK—
175,000 more car trips on the roads are OK—
unending school bonds are OK—
if wildlife loses again, it's OK—
pretty much any impact on the existing Community is OK—
if people aren't watching, we'll go with lavish developer profit over keeping Eagle special”*

Folks, **we DO have a shot at getting the City to change the direction shown in this plan** (the most important change must be reducing the density and waiting for proper transportation planning). However, we will not succeed unless we generate a major public/community response...that is a hard fact. So, what can you do? It's simple—act and spread the word—get your friends and neighbors to act:

1. **Write a letter to the Eagle P&Z Commission and City Council** (see www.nacfa.net, Updates and Alerts page, for the background and raw materials you can use to get a letter done). Get your letter in by May 9th. A giant “*thank you!!*” is owed to all who've sent letters so far. Some have sent me copies and I'm truly impressed by the arguments made and the sincerity of expression. For those who haven't yet taken pen to paper, help us continue the virtual ear-bending...lots of letters will have an impact. And don't forget involving the whole family, particularly children, in the effort.
2. **Attend critical upcoming hearings** (Attend at least; testify if at all possible; and bring 10 friends and neighbors). As things become clearer, I will follow-up with specific targets on which we should focus our energy. For now, the most important is the **P&Z Commission hearing on the draft Foothills Plan—Monday, May 14, 6:30 PM, City Hall**. This one is a difficult call to make. The 5/14 hearing may very well not get around to public testimony on the draft plan...the agenda also includes several small comp. plan amendments proposed within the City...I have no idea how the Commission intends to wade through all of this in one night... It is very likely that one or more additional hearings on the draft plan will occur...so, I return to number 1 above...**write a letter in any case.**

NACFA Strategy Discussion/Meeting

The meeting date I gave in my last email has been changed. Rather than 5/9, our NACFA meeting will be **Thursday, May 10, 6:30 PM, at the Eagle Sewer District Conference Room** (corner of Palmetto and State St.).

As word of Eagle's proposal to add 24,000 to 30,000 units in the Foothills has started to spread, some folks have asked if non-NACFA members are welcome. The answer is absolutely yes. Given the enormous impact of these proposals, we'd love to have as many people as possible join us in the effort to influence Eagle's proposal. So...spread the word to anyone potentially interested that **all are welcome** at the meeting Thursday evening.

Okay...that's it for this update. Hope to see many, many faces next week!

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