



North Ada County Foothills Association

One voice. One goal. One plan.

Update—What Happened June 11 & What's Next

June 13, 2007

First and foremost:

THANK YOU ALL!! This Community Spoke Volumes on June 11

- **Thanks to ALL OF YOU WHO SHOWED UP!**
- **Thanks to ALL OF YOU WHO TESTIFIED!**
- **Thanks most especially to all who worked so hard to gather the facts, do the analysis and make NACFA's organized testimony and comment letters so powerful—You know who you are...and every last one of you were fabulous!!!**

We spoke volumes in sheer numbers of people...bless those of you who couldn't even get into the hearing room...

We spoke volumes in compelling testimony with real data to back it up...the kind of data that should be coming from our City, but hasn't...

We spoke firmly:

- We will NOT ACCEPT ruination of our neighborhoods and our downtown by foothills traffic (notably, in the closing summary at the end of the hearing, Eagle Staff had no meaningful rebuttal to our critique of the “# of lanes” map—See NACFA comment letter on our website)
- We will NOT ACCEPT plowing forward with major foothills development when we have no idea how we will pay for schools, roads/highways, police, etc. other than through higher and higher taxes
- We WILL see real open space, habitat and recreation for the region if development does occur (not the pitiful, grudging response we see from the likes of M3).
- ...yes, there's more...

THE RESULT & THE NEXT HEARING:

- The P&Z Commission continued the **Foothills Plan** hearing to **June 25**—it is **still open for testimony**.

- **Also** on June 25, the Commission will consider both the **M3 and Suncor/Avimor** Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposals. For those you new to this or just now starting to pay attention to details, these two developers have their own ideas about what they want to do, never mind what the City's overall Plan says, now or later. While most of the Community slept, hearings were held on these items and public testimony was closed; so, on June 25, we cannot testify on these two matters. The bottom line, however, is that (we firmly believe) the Commission has no choice but to either [1] defer decisions on both of these applications until the full Foothills Plan is done and adopted, or [2] recommend denial. **Frankly, we are bone tired of listening to vague, legalese excuses for why these items are being considered at all...**they are tapping city resources, confusing the issues in the minds of the Community, wearing people out with the sheer number and frequency of hearings, and playing with fire in terms of premature entitlements to developers (as we have noted, M3 is already claiming they got approval from this same Commission back in April for 2 units/acre, while the current City draft Foothills Plan says 1 unit/acre and the County draft Foothills Plan says 1 unit/2 acres).

Next Step For Us

- **We still need to show up at the June 25th hearing.** Those who did not testify on the draft Foothills Plan (e.g. had to leave the party early on June 11) should do so. If those who testified on June 11 have something new to say, do so. The rest of us need to show up and watch how the P&Z Commission acts in response to our concerns.
- We need to watch the M3 and Avimor items on the 25th. If for any reason, the Commission recommends approval of either of these items, we need to react with a fire storm at subsequent Council hearings.

... please forgive me if this seems paternalistic, but I have been at this for a long time, and I am still working off the adrenaline...**I was MAJOR LEAGUE PROUD OF THIS COMMUNITY ON MONDAY NIGHT!!!**

Best Regards,

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