

Michael Krantz

From: Michael Krantz
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker
Subject: Public Input Niewenhous FW: Comments re: Resolution 133-20

See messages below.

From: Kevin L. Small <ksmall@belairmd.org>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Michael Krantz <mkrantz@belairmd.org>
Subject: FW: Comments re: Resolution 133-20

Kevin L. Small, RLA, AICP
Director of Planning & Community Development
Town of Bel Air

From: Susan Niewenhous <suenie@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Kevin L. Small <ksmall@belairmd.org>
Subject: Comments re: Resolution 133-20

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Kevin,

My husband and I do not care to speak at the hearing, however we do wish to let the committee know our feelings.

We do not support a driveway from Catherine St. up to homes living on Gordon St.:

- Homes of the price planned by the builders would be out of place on Catherine St. both in size and fashion.
- The land around the driveway would have to be maintained (grass cut, driveway plowed, etc.), a negative we are sure, to the current property owners.
- We envision the driveway immediately left of the fence posts at the end of Gordon St. with a barrier of trees behind the properties. This would prevent traffic disturbing those at the mansion and prevent any visual objection to having the houses there.

Thank you for letting us present these comments.

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From: Michael Krantz
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Commissioners; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker; Department Heads
Subject: Public Input Stoss FW: Charter 133-22 Catherine St. Annexation

See message below.

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From: Irene Stoss <istoss@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>
Subject: Charter 133-22 Catherine St. Annexation

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Bel Air Town Commissioners:

Irene and Gordon Smith here - we live at 510 Catherine St. We are the folks most affected by the annexation. We are directly downhill to the south of the 3 proposed lots. Their front yards (per the drawings submitted) will be facing our back yard (a very unorthodox arrangement) since they cannot use Gordon Street). These lots sizes are certainly not in keeping with the neighborhood and would certainly look out of place. In order to access these lots from Catherine St. - the developers will have to build a roadway up through the panhandle next to our house and a roadway across the 3 lots to be able to access their individual driveways. This is a lot of asphalt/impervious surfaces that will need serious storm water management since the lots are at the top of the hill. The hydrology report says there is no impact but that is based on having partial forest and no buildings. These changes will effect our property and others due to runoff from the mega houses (as the developer called them). In order to achieve this all the trees would potentially need to be removed - especially the beautiful Redwood that has become such a landmark for the area.

You as the government will be directly effecting our quality of life as well as many of our neighbors. Other concerns include - no longer being able to view the beautiful sunsets, no longer seeing lovely trees, the light pollution from 3 houses - especially since their front yards face us, no longer having the privacy that we have had since the early 1970's and the additional traffic from these houses onto an already jammed Catherine St. We are very disappointed in the town leaders for letting it get this far. Gordon has maintained the hedge and mowed the panhandle since the 1970's, the only reason that the property seemed so appealing to the developers.

Bel Air seems to want to continue building without any concern for the beauty that exists and the future does not look promising for us and the younger generation. Green space is so necessary for mental and physical health.

If any of these houses do get built we will need a privacy fence (solid) of at least 8 feet tall to be built by the developer between our property and the lots.

Another question would be what kind of trees are proposed as the buffer zone - a 2 foot twig is not equivalent to a 50 year old tree.

In closing don't let these proposed houses happen. We have read the emails sent to you and everyone seems to agree that the annexation of this property is a bad idea and would only benefit the developers not the neighborhood or surrounding area.