

Thanh Dang

From: Thanh Dang
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Sandra Quigg; 'Joyce Krech'; Peirce R. Macgill
Cc: beth@vpas.info; Erin F. Yancey; Wayne E. Westfall
Subject: RE: bicycle/pedestrian issues

Good afternoon, Joyce,

Thank you for your comments. In addition to adding your comments for consideration in the Comprehensive Plan, I am sharing this email with Erin Yancey and Cpl. Wayne Westfall.

Erin is with the Department of Public Works facilitates the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee, facilitates the Transportation Safety & Advisory Committee, and led the effort for writing and adopting the 2017 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Implementing the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan is referenced in the Comprehensive Plan.

Cpl. Westfall is with the Harrisonburg Police Department and oversees the traffic division and is also involved in safety education and enforcement.

I encourage you also to reach out to the Harrisonburg Safe Routes to School Coordinator who has direct impact on students in the public schools. I believe this position is still vacant and a new coordinator is in the process of being hired.

Thank you and have a great day.

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Cc: beth@vpas.info
Subject: RE: bicycle/pedestrian issues

Thank you, Joyce. Community awareness is an important aspect of transportation...reminding walker, bikers, etc that the onus is not entirely on car drivers is important.

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Subject: bicycle/pedestrian issues

Thank, I apologize that this is late coming in for the consideration for the Comprehensive Plan, but perhaps it can be slipped into the on-going conversations. A Facebook post this morning reminded me that your team is discussing this and I wanted to add a note:

(I'm cc'ing Beth and Sandra on the committee simply because I know them and have their emails handy!)

If you live or drive through residential areas (I use Dogwood Drive, Sunset Heights, etc. as my example) you'll see a number of walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, and bikers. All good! In the morning, we have children and families walking to school. Great!

But as a driver on those shared roads, I am dismayed /appalled at the lack of knowledge and/or adherence to basic safety:

Walk facing traffic. (Groups of children, often with the parents, walking down the right side w/ backs to traffic. Add headphones, a dog, and some giggles, and they have no idea what is coming behind them.)

Wear light clothing (in one instance the only way to see a dog-walker was his white dog. Walker was dressed completely in navy blue or black - at night - on a dark street between the streetlights. This happens every evening up and down these streets).

I guess my bottom-line wish is that while the city is trying to educate the drivers to share and be aware, please add education of children and families, walkers and joggers, that they are not invincible and need also to obey the "rules of the road".

Thanks for your time and attention - and hard work.

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From: Julian <julian.pena@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Thanh Dang; Sam V
Subject: Comments for the October 10 Public Hearing Meeting related to Comprehensive Plan

Thang Dang City Planner,

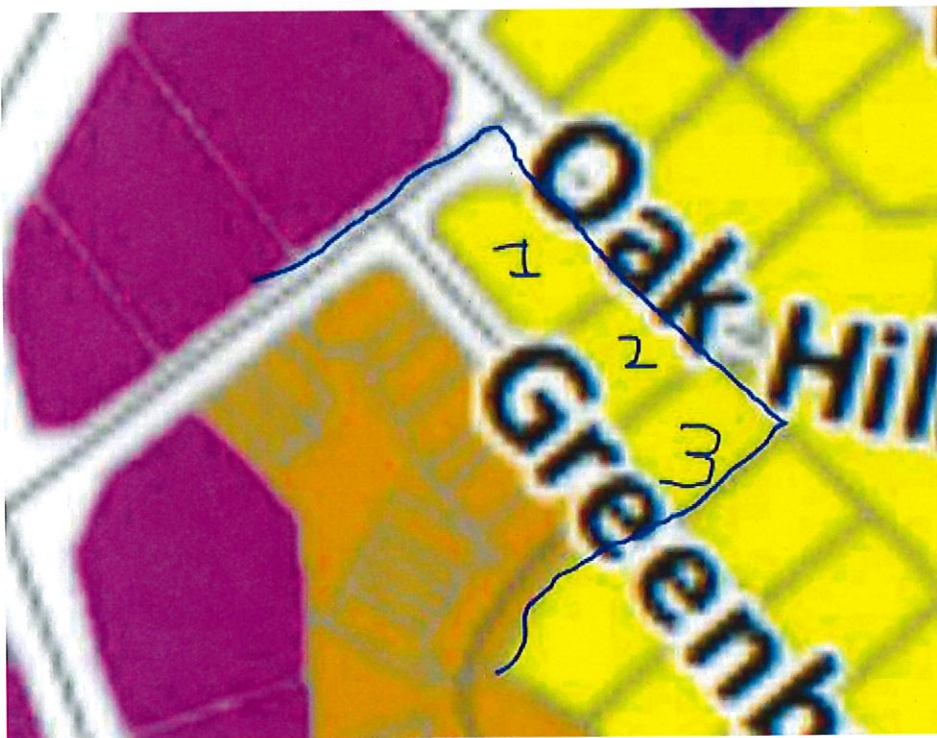
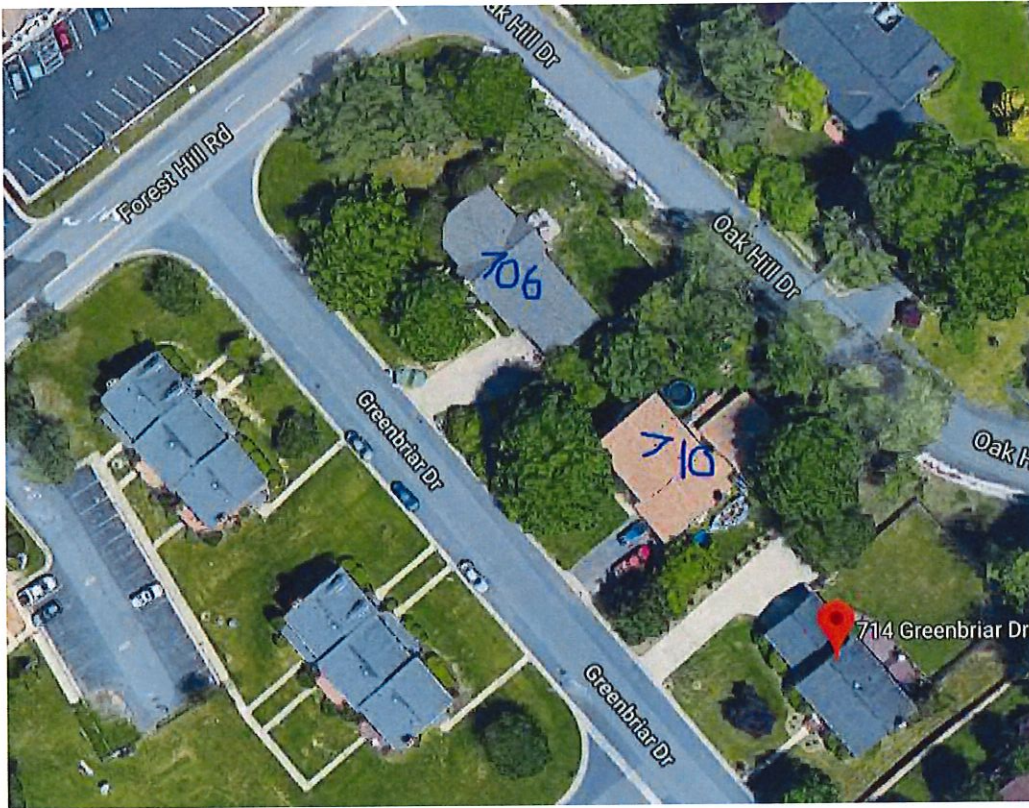
Please accept this email as a public comment do be discussed at the Planning Commission Hearing on October 10th.

1) It is our opinion that there is too much land being designated as Low Density Residential near James Madison University. We believe that the single family homes near the campus should be allowed to be rented out to students in order the keep the student population near campus and not in our neighborhoods. Many of the single family homes near JMU are already non-conforming or illegal. We believe these areas should be designated in the comprehensive plan as something which will allow for a zoning other than R-1 in the future. Take for example the two areas highlighted below:



* As an example the Greenbriar Drive neighborhood is completely surrounded by JMU owned properties and Medium/High Density Residential areas populated predominately by JMU students.

2) As both previous JMU students and homeowners of 714 Greenbriar Drive we believe that strongly that the first three homes on Greenbriar Drive should be designated as Medium Density Residential (see the pictures below).



Reasons we believe these homes should be designated as Medium Density Residential:

- a) These homes are directly across from town homes that hold 4-5 students each.
 - b) 706 Greenbriar is non-conforming and holds 4 students. 714 is our home which we would like to rent out to students.
- In other words this Low Density Residential designation is not desired by the current residents and owners of these homes.

- c) These homes are segregated from the rest of Greenbriar Drive and the neighborhood on Oak Hill Drive by elevation of the land. The rest of the homes on Greenbriar are on higher ground as well as all of Oak Hill - these homes have a different feel and look.
- d) These homes are segregated from the rest of Greenbriar Drive by the street Village Lane. This street acts as a clear divider of when Medium Density Residential ends and where Low Density Residential begins. The amount of traffic going in and out of Village Lane does not embody something that should be present in a Low Density Residential area.
- e) As defined in the Comprehensive Plan "Low Density Residential Areas are designed to maintain the character of existing neighborhoods". Because of the reasons stated above these homes do not share the characteristics of the "existing neighborhood" and thus should not be designated as such.

Thank you for time and considerations - we look forward to seeing you at the Public Hearing,

Julian Pena and Johann Vargas.

Thanh Dang

From: Rutherford, Duncan William - rutherdw <rutherdw@dukes.jmu.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 6:18 PM
To: Thanh Dang
Subject: Public Comment

Hello Thanh Dang,

Please accept this email as a public comment in regards to Comprehensive Plan update.

It is my opinion that there is too much land being designated as Low Density Residential specially near James Madison University. This is a city and not a town, Areas near campus should be designated as Medium/High Density in order the keep the studentpopulation near campus and not in our neighborhoods. R-1 zoning is extremely strict and should only be used when absolutely required. Many of the areas near JMU being designated as Low Density Residential have lost their single family feel because of the foot and auto traffic causes by student as well as the countless non-conforming homes; marking these areas as such diminishes the value of the R-1/Low Density designation.

I believe these areas should be designated in the comprehensive plan as something which will allow for a zoning other than R-1 in the future.

Thank you,

Duncan