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LDC24-00045

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Case No. LDC24-00045 (Santerra-Quilici Properties Condition Amendment)

Thank you

Addie Argyris

LDC24-00045, Request to amend Condition 20 on LDC21-00017

Please make this part of the official, permanent record for LDC24-00045

April 28, 2024

Per the Staff Report:

The intent of Condition No. 20 was to convert a house into a temporary fire station, served by a two-man crew that could respond to medical calls but would not respond to fire calls

Per Staff Recommendations:

The proposed modification will better serve the Fire Department's needs and the combination of fire-related conditions

Condition 20's intent is for EMS – not fire

The condition was not put in for the benefit of Reno Fire or to be converted into an amount of cash for use elsewhere

It was put in for the EMS benefit of the Mortensen Garson (MG) properties which now total 3,300 residential units plus a school plus commercial and industrial development

Automatic aid does not cover EMS – it is for fire only - the staff report does not address this

The staff report fails to even address EMS and leads the reader to believe all is ok because there is automatic aid 6 minutes away with Truckee Meadows Fire

Fire sprinklers and landscaping do not help mitigate EMS needs

The response times for EMS have not changed since the MG projects were approved by City Council

The staff report only addresses fire response times and conditions added for fire protection

The staff report is very deceptive

Per the Staff Report:

Application materials request amendment to Condition No. 20 as a temporary residential fire station is no longer the desire of the City.

The City no longer desires to provide adequate emergency medical services to 3,300 residential units with a potential of 9,900 plus people, a school, and commercial and industrial development on the Mortensen Garson properties and now desires to replace adequate EMS with a new truck for use elsewhere

Let that sink in

Per the Staff Report:

The Planning Commission heard the project on December 16, 2020, and voted to deny the tentative map and special use permits (refer to summary in the City Council staff report and Planning Commission minutes). The denial was appealed to Council and on March 24, 2021, Council approved the tentative map and special use permits with modifications including the addition of conditions 19-22.

One of the findings for approval requires adequate services - safety – EMS

The condition was added in order for council members to make the findings

The PC denied the TM and SUPs and council members were not going to give approval until additional conditions were added - Condition 20 being one

Residents expect adequate services for the high taxes they pay - the city is required to provide those services

If it is a hardship to man a two-person station for EMS – the findings could not have been made

Imagine the hardship when EMS is desperately needed but too far out to help in time

Additionally, the hardship for funding is moot in that funding was determined at the time of annexation – it is the MG property taxes

The station needs to be built – the MG residents will demand their tax dollars go toward manning the station for their EMS needs

The City needs to put the manning in their budget

To "throw under the bus" is an idiomatic phrase in English meaning to blame or abandon a person for selfish reasons

In his application, Chief Cochran says the staffing and equipment can be put to better use elsewhere and puts a cheap price of \$300,000 on the safety of thousands – \$30 per person - implying the MG residents don't count and abandons them for the selfish reason of a new truck

I'm appalled a fire chief would write such and question what back door discussions preceded this application

The \$300,000 is missing many zeros – it is as cheap as it is insulting

Using the \$300,000 for a new piece of equipment for use elsewhere does nothing for the development taking place in the area

Removing the condition tells the area they are on their own for EMS – they don't count – their tax dollars will be used to protect others first

Have a heart attack - good luck; have a stroke – too bad; fall off a roof – on your own

The condition needs to stand as written, and staffing funded with the tax dollars generated by the massive MG development

Recklessness is disregard for or indifference to the dangers of a situation or for the consequences of one's actions

The community fought hard for EMS for the MG properties and it is reckless to attempt to remove it

Whoever at the City who thought it was a good idea to have the fire chief write a letter such as Chief David Cochran's February 7, 2024 letter, should be fired

Chief Cochran's responsibility is to determine the fire and safety needs of the community

The need for EMS was acknowledged at time of approval by Chief Cochran as was the lack of RFD's ability to provide adequate response resulting in Condition 20

It is not the fire chief's responsibility to find the funding

It is not the city's prerogative to change a condition of approval three years later simply because they now prefer a new truck

There has been no change in the need for EMS to the MG properties, no change in the response times since Condition 20 was added over three years ago

There has been no change in EMS circumstances that justify changing Condition 20

The proposed modification does not better serve the EMS needs of the MG properties

I question the legality of Chief Cochran's standing to file this application

Why isn't the developer the one filing for a condition change

I ask Chief Cochran to withdraw his application to change to Condition 20

Addie Argyris

Note:

The city increased the 3,000 residential dwelling unit hard cap in May 2022

\$30/person is calculated as: 3,300 units, 3 persons average per unit = approximately 9,900 Residents

$\$300,000 / 9,900 = \30.30 per person, rounded down to \$30

This is the value the City has put on a person's life