

Green Mountain Civic League

Good Afternoon Folks,

I'm using this open letter to bring you up to speed on an urgent issue affecting our GMCL members, and requesting your support to rally our Green Mountain community to immediate action !

BACKGROUND: Mr. Mike Friday, CEO/President of Woodland Homes, the developer of the Inspiration on Green Mountain community, has a Commercial Rezoning request coming before the Huntsville Planning Commission on 26 Aug. At issue is a C1A-zoned block of property at the intersection of South Village Square and South Shawdee, which is currently bisected by South Village Square Road. Mr. Friday purchased the lots on both sides of that intersection that contain the commercially-zoned property, and he has proposed rezoning to consolidate the Commercial property that exists on both lots into one contiguous ~5 acre parcel on the Southwest corner lot at that intersection. *If successful, Mr. Friday envisions developing that Southwest corner lot into a commercial 'boutique' Village Centre that he feels is 'very important to "our" community on Green Mountain.'*

We hosted Mr. Friday at our Spring GMCL General membership meeting, where he gave a presentation on his plan. Those present discussed the situation, and after Mr. Friday departed, reached consensus on our (GMCL and Preserve at Clayton Pond Homeowner's Association (HOA)) position to oppose the proposed rezoning. Fundamentally, we believe the existing Commercial zoning is wrong for our times; it is a remnant from the decades distant (pre-Bailey Cove/Jones Valley/Publix/Star Market) past, and is inconsistent and incompatible with our (GMCL and the Preserve's HOA) vision for Green Mountain's future (exclusively a rural, residential retreat). Our representatives (Beverly Humphrey; and Jeff Bachman and John Datillo from The Preserve HOA) met with Mike Friday thereafter to discuss our position, and see if we could convince him to desist with the rezoning pursuit, or find a viable alternative solution. Unfortunately, that effort has been unfruitful.

FORWARD PLAN: We are, therefore, asking for your support for three things.

1. Communicate the situation with everybody you know on Green Mountain; let's have the debate! If you agree with our position opposing commercial development on Green Mountain, then
2. Sign and return to me (5228 Riverview) the Green Mountain Community petition, opposing the rezoning as currently proposed
 - a. If you are willing to volunteer walking the petition to your Green Mountain friends and neighbors, that would be most helpful !
3. Come to the Huntsville Planning Commission meeting on 26 August, Municipal Building, City Council Chambers at 5pm, to show your support in opposition to the current rezoning proposal.

We'll post this, and additional information on the GMCL webpage for widest dissemination. Please help us spread the word, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at hsvprill@comcast.net or 256 881-6800.

Sincerely,

Mark Prill
GMCL President