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RE: Special Use Permit Revision S87-0057-R/Cameron Park CSD Rasmussen Park

To Whom It May Concern;

We own, and live on the property located at the corner of Monukka Drive and Mira Loma Drive in Cameron Park. We attended the February 9th public hearing held by the El Dorado Planning Commission, and were very disappointed with both the handling of the issue referenced above, as well as the outcome. It was quite disconcerting that several local residents were not able to speak at that hearing due to the fact that the commission members made their first order of business the act of moving this issue to the end of the agenda. That action significantly delayed the addressing of this item, (the review of this issue was begun immediately prior to a lunch break, and then continued after that break was through). This resulted in several of us not being allowed the opportunity to be heard, as we could not extend our stay there any longer. In addition, based on the commissioners' body language and attitudes, it was quite apparent that they had already determined that they were not going to rule in favor of the CSD, regardless of any input of the hearing attendees. This impression was only reinforced when, (at the beginning of the lunch break) we witnessed the private conversations being held between one of the commissioners and the Cordanos, (the owners of the duplexes located at the end of Monukka Drive, and the main source of the complaints against the CSD and the current park usage issue).

Since we cannot attend this additional hearing, we are writing to support the CSD's appeal, and hope that they be allowed to continue using the existing T-Ball field at Rasmussen Park. In addition, if there is a way to properly grade and compact the soil for the bocce ball courts where they are currently being proposed, then that would be great too. Although, it seems doubtful in that this area appears to be pretty marshy and soggy year-round.

In the 20+ years that we have lived at this residence, the only true issues we have encountered are the following:

1. The major drainage problems that resulted from the construction of the afore-mentioned duplexes at the end of Monukka Drive. Prior to that construction, we did not have a major drainage issue. We, and to a greater extent our

next-door neighbors, (the Mirandas) have tried to mitigate this problem at our own expense, (over multiple years). The problem DID NOT suddenly appear as a result of the T-Ball field construction!

2. The increased traffic due to the multiple duplex residents, but more so, the speed at which they "fly" onto this small, dead-end street is a big concern. On several occasions, we've almost been hit by the individuals living in the duplexes while pulling out of our driveway because they zoom onto Monukka without regard for anyone else's safety. This has not happened to us due to the T-Ball attendees, but sadly due to some of the people that live here.

The number of vehicles parked on Monukka Drive as a result of the various T-ball games is only an issue when drivers don't use common sense and common courtesy, (which no one can control). In addition, it is only an issue for a few hours during a few short weeks. It is not an issue year round and the attention being given it seems out of proportion with the actual reality of the situation.

The noise from the park is really a non-issue. When we first moved into this residence, there was only 1 other house right next to us on Monukka Drive. We had an unobstructed view of the park and the few houses located along Mira Loma, across the street from the park. There was nothing to buffer any noise from the park, and that noise level was not an issue. Granted, the T-Ball field did not exist at that point. However, it has existed for the past several years, and the noise is still a non-issue.

If a sound wall has to be built, we absolutely **DO NOT** want that sound wall to block access to the park from the end of Monukka Drive. That would not only be inconvenient for everyone that currently uses this access, but it would be irresponsible. That action would force anyone accessing the park on foot, (including a large number of apartment residents living in the complex at the bottom of the hill) to walk up Mira Loma Drive to the main park entrance, thereby increasing the likelihood of their being struck by a vehicle. Mira Loma is the main thoroughfare into the neighborhood, with a lot of "speeders", and it does not have sidewalks or bike lanes. It is not a safe place to take a daily walk.

In closing, we would like to go on record as being in support of the CSD, and their appeal. We also feel compelled to point out that the planning commission previously placed all responsibility on the CSD for "violating/misusing" the specifics of the special use permit for a number of years, when they too are partially at fault for granting a special use permit and then never following up on it until an outside party complained about something. If certain individuals had not "raised a stink" about this because it was causing them a personal issue, the planning commission would have continued to be completely in the dark about it. That panel of individuals needs to remember that pointing the finger solely at someone else leaves three fingers pointing right back at them! So, rather than being heavy-handed and denying the CSD continued use of the existing T-Ball field, (when they have already taken steps to address all of the items that were supposedly in violation) the planning commissioners would better serve the community by recognizing the CSD's efforts and extend some good-will to work with them in reaching a compromise that does not penalize the young T-Ball players that have the largest stake and the smallest voice in this issue.

Thank you,

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