

Public Comment #30
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From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 11:23 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: Feedback from Summer Brook meeting 9-20-23

Public Comment for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Agenda Item #30,

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Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 2:46 PM
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Subject: Feedback from Summer Brook meeting 9-20-23

Supervisor Parlin,

Thank you again for putting me in touch with Craig and Michelle. I had face to face meeting with Craig and Michelle (on copy) and invited 2 of my neighbors on September 20th to discuss the traffic light and other issues with the Oak Haven (AKA Summer Brook) development. Craig and Michelle were very open to our feedback and took good notes of our concerns. I appreciated that they both took time to come out to the property and meet with us.

Regarding the traffic signal set for the Sept 26th BOS meeting, Craig explained to us how they were proposing to install lights instead of the traffic signal. The lights will for sure be an improvement and while I agree that **at the current time** a traffic signal is not needed yet, I am concerned that when it IS needed the county will not have the funds to install the signal if they approve removing the signal.

I mentioned having Blue Mountain Community contribute to an escrow account that could be used to fund the installation of the signal when it is eventually needed. This intersection is not part of the CIP (I was told by Craig) so this would need to added to allow project specific funding.

I know that DOT has recommended against the signal installation, but I can attest to the traffic increase and near misses on the Deer Valley/Green Valley intersection. I have lived here for 18 years and have watched the traffic grow. The lights are a great addition but I feel that a traffic signal is inevitable at this location and hope that we can help make the developers responsible for funding the installation.

We also were able to review other topics such as perimeter fencing, rock wall easement protections, my personal shooting range disclosure, the possibility to replant some of the lost oak trees (they just paid the fee so no replanting is currently planned), lighting and water drainage.

Again, thank you for putting me in touch with Craig and Michelle and thank you for keeping me in mind for this project.

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From: nancywws@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 11:53 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Summerbrook Estates

Good Morning,

Having just seen Lori's newsletter item regarding Summerbrook Estates I would like to express my concern about the developer wanting to delete a signal light at Deer Valley and Green Valley Road. I do not know how many residences/cars are included in this development so I don't know what impact to traffic will occur, but I travel Green Valley fairly frequently as a way to avoid Hwy. 50. There has already been work done to add a left hand turn lane and I have not observed any backups. For vehicles traveling toward Cameron Park, there is an uphill climb right past Deer Valley. A stop light would result in an increase of pollution and noise. The noise of traffic starting uphill is really bad.

All the development being planned in the corridor will have an impact on traffic, which is a shame, because Green Valley is a lovely drive with scenery and few stop lights to add to starts and stops. In fact, the worst backups I have observed have been at the junction with (sorry for the misnomer) Mason Dixon road. That does cause problems. Adding a left turn lane would help greatly.

As much as I consider safety important, quite frankly I also don't like developers trying to get out of earlier commitments. Street lighting..... is that within his project or where? If within the project, he is benefiting a select group of homeowners. The signal light would be of public benefit. Maybe he should plan to exchange for something that benefits the public.

The street light at Silva Valley near the middle school can be very annoying. It is rarely red, but we have to be extra watchful coming down the hill because it is hard to see the color of the light from a distance. The stoplight for the school is unquestionably critical, but the next one is again at the base of a hill. At the top of which is another light. I can just imagine the timing in the future, where every light halts traffic that just got going again.

Poor Green Valley. Soon it will be stop and go, stop and go.

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