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RE: Agenda Item 07-1882
LOTH Ball Field Special Use Permit

Dear Supervisor Baumann;

I would like address an item that will be on the agenda of the December 11th Board of Supervisors meeting. This is in regards to requests by Light of the Hills Lutheran Church regarding proposed changes to their Special Use Permit. I would respectfully request that you and the other Supervisors vote for a denial of the Special Use Permit requested. As a member of the Cameron Estates and a property owner (APN #109-161-03-100) within 500 feet of the property in question, I have very strong objections to the proposed changes and uses requested by the applicant.

The lot in question, APN109-161-31 is currently Zoned RE-5 and is contained within the boundaries of the Cameron Estates. The proposed Special Use Permit is not consistent with the General Plan and the surrounding rural properties. On October 25th, I and the surrounding neighbors to this parcel voiced our objections and our concerns at the Planning Commission meeting. The Use Permit was one of several items submitted by the Church along with requests to change planned development of several buildings. During the meeting there were decisions and recommendations made by the Planning Commission regarding the Use Permit using incorrect information on the Use Permit application. The Use Permit application referenced the parcel number where the Church is currently located (109-161-01) which is zoned R2-PD. Commissioner Tolhurst made the incorrect statement that the Church had a legal right to build a ball field on lot #109-161-31 under the terms of the existing Special Use Permit, but that is not correct per the rules and regulations regarding the correct RE-5 zoning for this lot. As discussion progressed about allowing a ball field, Commissioner Machado put forth a motion to put restrictions on the Use Permit to keep it from becoming a community sports facility. If the Use Permit was to be approved these restrictions were to be a part of the recommendations:

- 1: Usage not for community sports leagues, limited to church functions only,
- 2: Usage limited to the hours of 9 am to 6 pm
- 3: Signs to be posted around property stating that the sports field is or Church use only.
- 4: No Lights

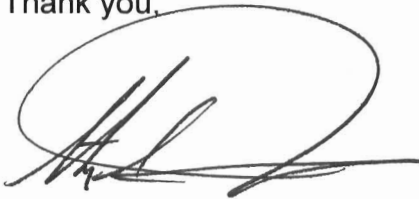
The motion for restrictions was approved and the matter was postponed to the November 8th meeting for final voting after staff and legal counsel for the county had reviewed and made the necessary changes.

Representatives from Cameron Estates attended the November 8th where the Commissioners voted on and approved this matter with out any discussion about the changes requests in the October 25th meeting. Upon obtaining a copy of the approved item, I was dismayed to discover that the error on the application regarding the parcel number was not discovered and staff had not used language that fully incorporate all the restrictions requested by Commissioner Machado to keep the proposed ball field from becoming a community usage facility.

Recently the Church has launched a local petition to gain support for this project. They have collected signatures from individuals who live outside the CSD to show that they have "community support". They have sent letters to the Cameron Estates residents outlining the fact that they fully intend to proceed with a community ball field. I can respect their intent to contribute a positive asset to the community but I question their motives since they display a lack of concern for the property owners who were living in a rural setting long before the Church was given approval for construction of their current facility. Their proposed changes would permanently change the rural nature of the adjacent properties.

I respectfully request that you review the facts surrounding this application and see all the potential problems that may arise if this Special Use Permit application is approved with the existing errors.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Jones", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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