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From: Tadeo Alejandro Diaz Balderrama <c.e.elmgrove@gmail.com>
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Subject: Citizens for the Essence of Elm Grove - JS Online articles

Good evening,

I just confirmed with the village that there is no Ad-hoc committee meeting tomorrow as was discussed during the last meeting. I am told that the next meeting will take place on October 26th from 6-8pm in the O'neil room (Basement). I don't see an agenda for this meeting so far.

Tom also forwarded me an article published today in JSoonline: <http://www.jsonline.com/story/money/real-estate/commercial/2016/10/10/large-elm-grove-apartment-plans-revised/91849906/>

There is also a link to a Brookfield Now article that actually links to JS online again (<http://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/elm-grove/2016/10/04/elm-grove-reinders-redevelopment-plans-revamped/91519614/>). In the article they quote Neil Palmer saying: "I think people have been pleased that it appears to have responded to virtually every concern."

I am quite surprised by this statement as there really has been minimal change in the density issue that have been brought up as a major issue and the general consensus from your messages reflects the inadequacy of these changes. In the second article Wangard is quoted as saying "There were a number of different outreach efforts that we made with people in the immediate neighborhood and also the business association." I'm concerned that there still hasn't been enough opportunity for public opinion-particularly if they have the impression that the community is feeling satisfied with their current proposal. If this is the case, then clearly they haven't heard from enough of us.

Since there has been a paucity of opportunities to express public concern, I propose that instead of waiting for Wangard to collect public opinion we share our opinion on a family by family basis with the village leadership. I think this is the only way we are going to be able to express our collective concerns and show that there is a sizable group of people who have them. I encourage you to communicate your concerns with the village leadership and have included a link to the page with their emails below. My wife and I will be composing an email in the coming days with our top concerns about the development as it is currently proposed and will forward it to the group. I think being succinct and focusing on big issues is going to be important to keep the attention of our audience.

Please let me know if anyone has any further suggestions or concerns.

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