# Comments on September 14, 2017 Planning Commission agenda items, received through September 8

## Item 6, Lebanon Pike at Donelson

From: Joan Greene [mailto:JoanGreeneDesign@live.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 6:59 PM
To: Planning Commissioners; Rickoff, Abbie (Planning); Planning Staff
Cc: Rhoten, Kevin (Council Member); Sloan, Doug (Planning)
Subject: Project 2017S-076-001 (Lebanon Pike at Donelson)

Dear Planning Commissioners,

My name is Joan Greene. I purchased my home at Rivercrest about two years ago after an extensive search across Nashville. I was looking for a quiet, convenient neighborhood that felt safe. I selected Rivercrest because I see this as my forever home. Further it was established, had one road in and out, and that combination made it feel safe and stable. When I drove over to check out the community, I loved that it was a diverse neighborhood with people walking around the neighborhood every time I came by. I met families with small children walking their dogs, elderly couples, and a teenager who told me, "We love it here - ask my mom." I love it here too.

Here are some of my concerns and why I am opposed to extending Rivercrest Pass.

- The new community has two access roads without opening Rivercrest Pass.
- Rivercrest has had one access road for over twenty years by design. All approved and built by an outstanding Nashville builder.
- The extension is a <u>Safety Concern</u> for Rivercrest Homeowners -- today there are more families with children living at Rivercrest. On any given day children are playing on Rivercrest Pass and walking between the homes. Directly across from my home there are families with at least nine small children who live and play in and near the street.
- There are many established neighborhoods like Rivercrest up and down Lebanon Road/Pike that have one access road in and out. Why single out Rivercrest? We are not a T3-NE, evolving neighborhood. It is my understanding that we are a T3-NM.
- On a city planner's map our homes may look like squares or dots, but those little squares represent homes with people who chose this community because it was NOT an evolving community but a stable, existing community.

Once again - I am opposed to opening or extending Rivercrest Pass!

I am, also opposed to the crash gate. Years ago, I moved into a beautiful, quiet development of older homes with neighbors much like Rivercrest. A new development was built to the side of us and one of our streets was extended into that new neighborhood. A crash gate was installed and everything stayed the same for about two years. Then the city decided to take down the gate - no hearings, nothing. One afternoon a lost semi truck came around a corner and hit the bike that I was riding on. He pushed my bike into the curb, and I went head over my bicycle into a neighbor's lawn. I was bruised and sore with a twisted ankle. It could have been much worst. The neighborhood was never the same.

I do not understand why you want to change this beautiful little neighborhood community when opening Rivercrest Pass will do nothing to free up the arterial capacity on Lebanon Pike. Please leave Rivercrest Pass and River Crest Neighborhood as it is.

Thank you for your consideration. See attached.

Best regards,

Joan Greene BFA, MA

712 Rivercrest Pass

Nashville, TN 37214

615-207-6980

## (attachment follows)

#### Re: Project 2017S-076-001 (LEBANON PIKE AT DONELSON)

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River Crest is designated a **T3-NM** neighborhood in Metro's Community Character Manual (Reformatted Draft 2017 III-CCM-173). The singular policy intent for T3-NM neighborhoods is to **"maintain the general character of suburban neighborhoods as characterized by their development pattern, building form, land use, and associated public realm."** Since its inception over twenty years ago, vehicular traffic in River Crest has—by design—been limited to residents and their guests. That factor has contributed more than any other to the creation and maintenance of the strong sense of community we enjoy in this culturally diverse neighborhood. Extending Rivercrest Pass into the new development would seriously erode the pastoral character of this unique urban subdivision, while doing nothing to free up arterial capacity on Lebanon Pike.

I urge the members of this Commission to recognize that arbitrarily applying a generalized departmental preference for connectivity *to this particular case* would violate specific departmental policy and irrevocably degrade the character of this neighborhood without achieving a greater purpose. I therefore stand in opposition to any plan extending Rivercrest Pass beyond its current boundary (with or without a crash gate).

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	Nashville, TN 3	7214

From: William J. Hart [mailto:wjhart.law@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 6:43 PM
To: Rickoff, Abbie (Planning)
Subject: 2017S-076-001

Abbie,

Please see my attached memo.

Bill Hart

William J. Hart, Esq. (615) 542-8921

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DATE: September 7, 2017
FROM: Bill Hart (wjhart.law@gmail.com); 601 Rivercrest Way, Nashville, TN 37214
TO: Abbie Rickoff
RE: 2017S-076-001

#### Abbie,

Thanks for taking my call yesterday and taking the time to explain the reasoning behind the planning department's insistence that the developer extend Rivercrest Pass into the new project for the sake of continuity.

I can only imagine the challenge of being responsible for shaping growth and developmentrelated public policy for all of Metro Nashville & Davidson County, as well as overseeing the proper implementation of those policies. Doing so in the midst of such unprecedented expansion must be a tall order indeed. I claim no expertise in this area, so I covet your guidance regarding policy and practice related to the referenced development. My objection which is shared by all River Crest HOA Board Members—involves the apparent conflict between your department's standing policy of increasing connectivity and the Planning Commission's express commitment to preserving our neighborhood's distinctive character as expressed in its mission statement and the CCM's T3-NM designation.

The notable absence of a thoroughfare (and its associated vehicular traffic) has undoubtedly been a major factor in the tranquil evolution of this diverse neighborhood's distinctive character over the past twenty-some years. I find it incomprehensible that such a vital, integrated neighborhood asset would be summarily and arbitrarily eliminated simply because adjacent property is being developed. I first thought the Rivercrest Pass extension was requested by the developer, but that is apparently not the case. When we met, Benchmark expressed a willingness to respect our concerns and leave the road as-is. The subsequent reappearance of the road extension on the present plan was, *ipso facto*, a non-negotiable mandate imposed by your department. If that understanding is incorrect, please let me know at your earliest opportunity.

I genuinely appreciate and support the concept of enhancing connectivity—*when*, *where*, *and as appropriate*. However, the facts and circumstances specific to *this* development and the impact this mandated connectivity "solution" will have on *this* neighborhood render the imposition of that mandate unreasonable and unnecessary. The immediate geographical realities of Stones River to the north, Lebanon Pike to the south, and zero connectivity to the west eliminate any possibility of achieving a reduction in arterial traffic with this extension. If approved, the only thing it will accomplish is an unprecedented reduction in the quality of life for River Crest residents.

Introducing this unwelcome thoroughfare into our neighborhood is analogous to introducing an alien species into a closed ecosystem over the objections of its indigenous residents. The Law of Unintended Consequences has historically spawned massive debris fields littered with the remnants of similarly ill-conceived mandates. As a member of the River Crest Homeowners Association Board and individual homeowner, I urge you on behalf of all River Crest residents to reconsider and withdraw the mandate to extend Rivercrest Pass. Thank you.

Bill Hart

From: johnnywalkertour@aol.com [mailto:johnnywalkertour@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Rickoff, Abbie (Planning)
Subject: Opposition to Project 2017S-076-001

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Please understand that I am not opposed to this builder or the project as a whole. My opposition is limited strictly to the extension of Rivercrest Pass as a connector street. Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: <u>09/07/17</u>

Printed Name: John Walker

River Crest Street Address: 608 Rivercrest Way

From: LINDA BRYANT [mailto:racoonrun@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Rhoten, Kevin (Council Member); Planning Staff; Sloan, Doug (Planning); Rickoff, Abbie (Planning)
Subject: Proposed Subdivision 2942, 2946, 3000 Lebanon Pike Nashville Tn behind Rivercrest
Subdivision

Please be advised that many in the Rivercrest Subdivision have a great many concerns about the extension of Rivercrest Pass into the new proposed subdivision. We purchased our home in a quiet closed community and want to keep it that way. Two entries into the proposed subdivision seems more than sufficient for the number of lots without creating a through way into Rivercrest.

Mark and Linda Bryant

404 Rivercrest Court

Nashville, Tn

(attachment follows)

Metro Planning Commission,

Doug Sloan --- Executive Director,

Abbie Rickoff --- Plans Reviewer

Councilman Kevin Rhoten,

Commission members, thanks for considering our opinion when you decide whether, or not, to extend Rivercrest Pass to accommodate new construction (Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Item #15).

As seniors, my wife and I hold dear our hope to live out our years in a quiet neighborhood. We love being connected to a main thoroughfare: We, also, love being off of the beaten path. As homeowners in Rivercrest Crest, we have both of those things.

We know our neighbors. Our grandchildren play with their children. While watching children play in our common area (the cul-de-sac), parents get to know each other. As they do, the kind of memories we all should have are made and community is strengthened. We watch: We don't fret. The ladies meet: The husbands borrow tools.

It's a nice place to live.

Would it deprive the 48 families that would reside in the subdivision proposed by Benchmark Homes and Civil Site Design Group; if, instead of three access roads to Lebanon Pike, they only had two? We have about 40 families in our subdivision, one access road, and a high level of contentment.

You have a challenging job! We hope you have God's ever present help! Until He rezones us all... thanks.

Mark and Linda Bryant

From: Mary Gresham [mailto:mchiggybaby@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 7:38 PM To: Planning Commissioners Subject: Donelson Downs Subdivision

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I reside in the Rivercrest Subdivision on Lebanon Pike in Donelson and I am writing to object to the extension of Rivercrest Pass into the new proposed subdivision of Donelson Downs. One of the appeals of our neighborhood has been that we have always had 1 way in and one way out. Opening Rivercrest Pass will admit many , many more cars access to our neighborhood creating safety issues both with children playing in streets and on sidewalks and I believe more opportunity for crime. Our nice quiet neighborhood will turn into a pass through for the new neighborhood and possible the many residents of the Stanford Estate Subdivision. Our nice 34 home community that has always been so appealing to current and future homeowners , will lose much of its appeal! I am not opposed to new homes ;just the connection of those homes to our subdivision.

Please consider my strong opposition to this proposal and reconsider this extension.

Thank you for your time in this matter. Mary Gresham 604 Rivercrest Way

From: Samantha Nelson [mailto:mrs\_samanthanelson@icloud.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Planning Staff
Cc: Sloan, Doug (Planning); Angus
Subject: Rivercrest Pass road extension

Planning Commission,

Please take a second to reconsider extending River Crest into the new subdivision. While I welcome the development for Donelson, I am fervently against this opening of our neighborhood's road, especially when there are significant exits to be used:

1) Disspayne Dr. (which has a helpful stoplight)

2) Lebanon Pike

I have two kids ages 7 and 8 who ride bikes on River Crest at the dead end. It is the only safe place for them to ride, as River Crest has a slight hill at the entrance of our neighborhood that acts as a dangerous blind spot for cars when kids are playing in the street. They cannot ride on other streets in our neighborhood as there are steep hills.

You're taking the quaint disposition of our neighborhood (one way in/one way out--one of the reasons I purchased here) and making it an unsafe thoroughfare for my children.

Opening it up for safety is not an appropriate concern, as:

- 1) Riverstone condos next door has only one exit
- 2) even with the Lebanon Pike road construction our one-way in worked just fine
- 3) you have sufficient neighborhood exits with Disspayne and Lebanon Pike
- 4) it has been this way for 20 years with no problems--ever.

We did not ask for this development. Build it, but don't change my neighborhood to do so.

Extremely Concerned River Crest Residents,

Samantha and Angus Nelson

717 Rivercrest Pass

From: Planning Staff Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 7:37 AM To: Rickoff, Abbie (Planning); Owensby, Craig (Planning) Cc: 'Debbie Apple' Subject: RE: Regarding: Rivercrest Pass case 2017s-076-001

Hi,

Please see below for the file and Planning Commissioners' packet. -----Original Message-----From: Debbie Apple [mailto:d.apple@comcast.net] Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 2:27 PM To: Planning Staff Subject: Regarding: Rivercrest Pass case 2017s-076-001

Please do not let the developers of the new neighbor hood of 48 lots located at 3000 Lebanon Pike and portion of 201 Walcott Drive, put there road connecting to Rivercrest Pass.

Debbie Apple

From: PATTY\_LEVERING [mailto:patty\_levering@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 12:43 PM
To: kevin.roten@nashville.gov; Planning Staff
Cc: doug.sloan@nashville.com; Debbie Apple
Subject: Road Extension of Rivercrest Pass

Dear Kevin and the Planning Staff -

My name is Patty Levering and I reside at 405 Rivercrest Court (I was the third house built in

the Rivercrest Community). I have seen this community grow into 40 homes and many changes

taken place. This road extension is going to be a safety concern. There are more families

with children that are living in Rivercrest. We have already put up signs for home owners to

watch their speed due to children walking between homes, riding bikes and on our sidewalks. We definetly do not need 48 more home owners (which could be 96 cars if not more) coming their our small neighborhood and putting our families at risk. We have one entrance and this subdivision could have one entrance as well.

Over the 20 years I have lived here, this one entrance has not been an issue. I don't understand

why we need a extension of Rivercrest Pass for these new homes, makes no sense.

Please take this into consideration, we want to keep Rivercrest our quiet neighborhood and not change it into a "get through" into another subdivision.

Kevin - I understand you want a "crash gate", Rivercrest has not had a crash gate for 20 years and

we don't need one now.

Patty Levering

Cell: 615-878-4387

Item 8, rezoning S of E Trinity Lane

46 letters follow. You've seen them before – they were posted before the August 24 MPC meeting because they contain comments on both the Trinity Lane SP, which was on the August 24 agenda, and 2017Z-037PR-001, a rezoning south of East Trinity Lane, which is on the current agenda.

## RE: Proposed Rezoning: 2017Z-037PR-001 and 2017SP-035-2017

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July <u>29</u>, 2017

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Signed: <u>Randy Welliconver</u> Date: 7/12/17 Print Name: <u>AHNA KALAMSON</u> COWIN

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# Items 11a/b, East Nashville Community Plan Amendment/Cayce Place

> From: Randy Dowell [mailto:RDowell@KIPPNashville.org]

> Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 11:12 AM

> To: Grider, Anna (Planning)

> Subject: RE: Did you get my email?

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> Anna - I'll send you two separate emails. This is the first and contains a background of actions our team took coming out of last Tuesday's meeting along with a compact that, as of yesterday afternoon 195+ parents and community members had signed.

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> The following email will include 80 of those signatures. I can send the rest if needed... many of which come on separate sheets of paper b/c they were letters signed by parents and returned in student folders yesterday. Please let me know if you want me to send PDFs for the rest (I will need to batch them into multiple emails).

> Let me know what questions you have. Thanks,

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(attachment follows)

# Sekippe Kirkpatrick Elementary school

For Consideration:

- On Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, two parents of KIPP Kirkpatrick students living in James Cayce attended the Town Hall meeting to voice opinions on the placement of the new school.
- On Wednesday and Thursday (August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>), 124 families voted between the two placement options and provided input on their rationale. 111 parents voted to approve Amendment #2 which would place the two schools farther apart than the original Specific Plan. Rational and vote results were communicated in a KIPP Kirkpatrick Family Association Compact (attached below).
- School was not in session from Friday, September 1st, thru Tuesday, September 5th.
- On September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday & Thursday), parents received the Compact and signed their names in support of the decision to urge for Amendment #2 to be passed.
- The KIPP Kirkpatrick Family Compact is below, accompanied by signatures of 197 families of the community who are very grateful for your thoughtful consideration of their voice.

# & KIPP SELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# KIPP Kirkpatrick Family Association Compact

The families of KIPP Kirkpatrick are in favor of amending the original Specific Plan (SP) for Envision Cayce in order to place the new school building further away from the existing school building and urge you to vote in favor of the amendment.

#### Family Voice and Input:

**124 parents and guardians participated in a poll**, voting between the original SP's placement of the new school and the proposed amendment of the SP's placement of the new school.

#### **Results of the Poll:**

- 101 people voted in favor of the amendment to move the new school further from the existing school.
- 9 people voted to keep the location of the original SP.
- 3 people voted indifferently.

#### Chief Concerns Voiced:

#### Impact of Traffic with Two Schools so Close Together

- KIPP Kirkpatrick's full enrollment is 500 students, all walkers or car riders. Per MNPS policy, no bussing is provided since the zone is less than 1.25 miles in area. This is a significant amount of foot and car traffic for the neighborhood during arrival and dismissal.
- Explore!'s full enrollment would at least double the number of students and families traveling to and from school each day in a dense area of the community. Additionally, Explore: would have busses driving routes from the surrounding city as well as in the community.
- With a large percentage of KIPP Kirkpatrick students and families walking through the neighborhood and past Explorel, concerns for safety and congestion of traffic are significant.
- Moving the new school site further away would open up alternative routes to distribute traffic more evenly and increase safety for walkers, cars, and busses alike.

#### Inequity Between the Schools and the Community

- Families expressed a feeling of inequity and unfairness that a new school (Explore!) would be built right next to the existing school (KIPP Kirkpatrick).
- Kirkpatrick—now KIPP Kirkpatrick—has served as the school of zone for the community since 1952, and roughly 80% of students in the zone currently attend in grades K-3 in 17-18, K-4 in 18-19 and beyond.
- Explore! would move into a brand new building in the middle of the existing community but would not chiefly serve students in the community because of their lottery-based enrollment system.
- This creates a tension between the two schools that is alleviated by setting them further apart from each other in the Specific Plan.