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Metro Planning Commission Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Planning Department 800 2nd Avenue South Nashville, TN 37219

Re: Concept Plan 2020S-064-001

3901-3905 Ivy Drive PLCS No. 23,20010

## **Dear Commission Members:**

We have been retained to represent approximately 160 residents of Metro, including Ms. Robbie Lynn Hunsinger and Ms. Margaret Littman, who are neighbors to the above referenced development. They are all opposed to this development.

First, we are raising an objection to the notice issued in this case, and the nature of the hearing that is being held. We do not believe either provides for adequate due process.

As to the notice, the development was originally scheduled for consideration sometime ago. Notice was sent which contained the time and place of the hearing - an in person hearing at the Planning Commission meeting room.

This matter has been continued since that original notice. I believe it has been continued twice, but the continuance was not beyond 90 days, so we are advised. For that reason, Metro takes that position that new notices did not need to be sent.

We do not agree because the original notice upon which Metro relied stated the place of the meeting. Now, due to Covid 19 procedures, the new hearing will not take place as stated in the notice. The hearing will take place via electronic measures. Given that, we believe that new notices should have been sent regarding this meeting and the procedures to be employed. Persons may very well show up at the meeting room only to find it locked and inaccessible.

Second, we object to this hearing on the grounds that it does not afford a meaningful opportunity to be heard. The Metro Planning Department staff has done what it can to provide a hearing under the circumstances, but the problem is that the circumstances simply do not afford a meaningful opportunity. People will not be present at the hearing. The Commission will not be assembled together, only electronically. And people will not be able to make the same kind of presentation that only live presence permits. This is why we do not have jury trials and other important tribunals electronically.

This is a sensitive project. It involves 9.05 acres which are currently developed with only 2 homes. The project seeks to construct 30 or more homes. The land is currently pastoral and a sanctuary for animals and a stream. The project is almost adjacent to the Cumberland River.

Given what is at stake, and the high level of public interest in this project, we request that the hearing be continued to the next available date when a public hearing can occur.

Third, we have concerns about whether this project meets the Metro standards that are applied to this project. We do not believe the applicant has demonstrated in its submittals that the project can be graded as shown. There is no grading plan submitted showing proposed contours, and the contours that are shown on what has been submitted are not workable. There are other problems with the project, including the lack of adequate recreational facilities for a cluster lot subdivision, and issues related to some lots, tree preservation, and the cul de sac. We have attached several aids that we will attempt to use at the hearing. We will provide additional specifics to the Commission electronically, as best we can, given the severe limitations of the forum.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

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Very Truly Yours,

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Enclosures by separate email











