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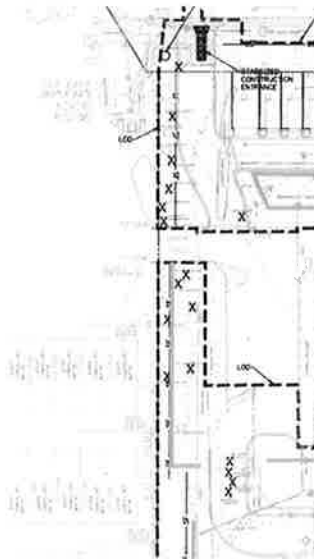
Dear Chairman Anthony Hood:

My wife and I are long-time residents of the district but newcomers to the Edgewood, having just moved in July. In general, we are encouraged by the proposal submitted by the requesters to add new homes and new residents to our new neighborhood. These homes and residents will help us build a better community for residents old and new. More density means more students in our schools, more customers for our stores, and hopefully, more civic engagement in forums and processes like this one.

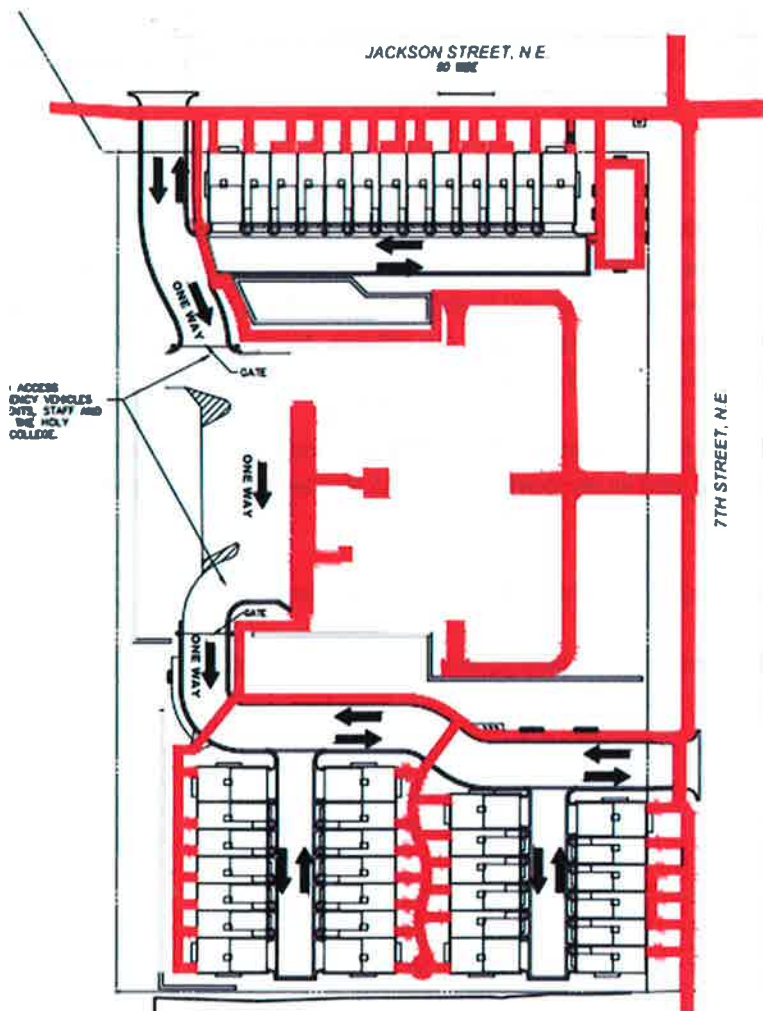
However, we are writing in opposition to the application. This proposal contains serious flaws, as the commission has noted in its initial review, and as my neighbors Donna Hartley et al have noted in their letter to the commission (Exhibit 15).

I would echo the concerns of the commission and of Ms. Hartley and add the following:

1. Request that applicants rework road access plan so as to avoid destroying 17 existing trees. Labelled below with X's by the applicants.



2. Make traffic flow one-way through the project. Preferably the entrance would be on 7th and Jackson and the exit at 7th and Irving. This pattern allows residents of the new development to access their homes while not creating additional hazards for pedestrians (see below).
3. Add a crosswalk and stop sign at entrance and exit. Particularly if traffic flow is not north-south, pedestrians entering the Chancellors Row neighborhood would be at risk to drivers coming out of the development at 7th and Jackson (see below).



4. Amend the euphemistically titled "Mini-Park 2" to retain, rather than destroy, 4 existing trees at that location ("Detail 4").



5. Clarify whether the park promoted as "for residents" is for residents of the neighborhood or the development.
6. Provide assurances that rather than "existing vegetation shall be preserved as feasible," all existing trees will remain except as otherwise noted in the final proposal.
7. Commit to maintaining one lane of access for cars, bikes, and pedestrians throughout the construction process.

We look forward to the responses of the applicants and the commission and to welcoming our new neighbors.

Sincerely,

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