Donna Jackson

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Donna Jackson council meeting

Ms. Jackson,

I would like to ask you once again to forward a message to the mayor and council members for me. I will be unable to attend tonight's meeting and need to voice my opposition to the adoption of the land use map in it's current form.

Dear Council Members and Mr. Perrin,

I would like to ask you to wait and not adopt the land use plan in it's current form. There will be opposition there tonight to express concerns over the proposed layout of the land in our area of Jonesboro. If this map is approved without changes, our neighborhood stands to gain an enormous amount of growth without any changes to the infrastructure. All we are asking, is that you take a good, hard look at this plan. It allows for not only single-family development, but also a large amount of multi-family development. As you know from our previous council meetings, there are issues with our neighborhood. Mayor Perrin has helped address a few issues, but several remain. We all know with budget cuts, we all know that those improvements will be put on hold.

I also feel that it's a HUGE conflict of interest that a member of this land use committee (Carroll Caldwell) is also the real estate agent who is now trying to "develop" our neighborhood. If this land use map is approved, will the city be able to say no to developers like him, even if problems in our neighborhood still exist?? I fear the answer is no. Troy Coleman took the issue of rezoning that same land to court years ago. Would Carroll Caldwell and Troy Coleman win this time if the city adopts a plan that says the development is right for the area?

Please consider these questions as you discuss this land use plan tonight. I will not be able to be there to voice my concerns tonight, so this email is all I can do. Thank you for listening.

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