

Patrick Street development rezoning request.

I want to comment on the matter of the proposed development and rezoning requests of the two 12.84 acre tracts on N. Patrick.

My sister, Bonnie Goad is the owner of the northern tract. I am Gayle Gambill, the owner of the southern tract. I am requesting my tract be rezoned to allow duplexes for the elderly to be built there, with the already agreed on limit of 25 duplex buildings. A permanent restriction.

My parents owned and lived on the original 60 acre tract for over 65 years. I grew up on this land. A lot of these roads in this area were named by and for some of my grandparents and great grandparents. I have always had in my heart and head a concern for a good future for this area.

My sister, Bonnie Willett Goad, and I inherited these two tracts of land. I have had a blessed life, as I am sure all of you have. However, sadly, not all the people who live in this general and nearby areas have been so fortunate, especially when it comes to the housing they have been limited to living in because of the lack of available safe, clean and affordable rental properties.

I don't feel, and I think, in your heart, you don't either, that elderly people, some with serious disabilities, should continue to be denied new, safe and attractive housing at an affordable rent because a relatively lightly traveled street is narrow at this time. Also, residents in this area have the option of traveling west on Johnathan to N. Church as a means of getting to Johnson. Certain City officials have acknowledged that hundreds have been on long, long waiting lists, some in homes that should be condemned, and would be if there were a place for them to go.

My rezoning request, with the reduced density limitations agreed to by the developer, will actually result in fewer families (and automobiles) living on that land than could be if it were developed with the current single family housing zoning.

I don't believe that the logical order of developing an area is for streets to be widened before development begins. Rather, developments actively being built should lead to streets being improved.

Please don't put the cart before the horse.

Please approve the rezoning requests.

Help North Jonesboro!

Respectfully,

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