

June 25, 2024

City Council
City of Village of Douglas

Re: Application by BDR, Inc. for Amendment to the Westshore PUD

Dear Members of the City Council:


We are homeowners residing at 749 Golfview Drive, 745 Golfview Drive, and 345 McVea Drive. We ask that this letter and accompanying materials be made part of the Agenda Packet for the City Council meeting scheduled for July 1, 2024. We understand that the Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council that BDR's preliminary plan for the revised trail *not* include any private access to the trails.

We write to ask that the City Council consider this additional information in connection with its review of the Planning Commission's recommendation. City Council may be aware that starting last year, BDR explored several options for a material amendment of the PUD layout that would include not only expanding the number of residences approved in 2012 but would also substantially change the residential layout by requiring primary access to McVea and Lakeshore Drives. Area residents vociferously object to any plan that would either increase the number of homes on the PUD or would deviate primary access onto McVea and Lakeshore Drives. While that proposed amendment to the PUD is not currently before the City Council, we think it is important for the City to hold BDR to its original proposal made to and approvals by the City in 2012. Therefore, we ask that the City Council consider the following information:

1. BDR's 2012 conceptual drawing of its plans for a public trail. A copy of the 2012 conceptual drawing is attached. As can be seen, this conceptual drawing is very different from the proposal currently before the City Council. We believe BDR's intent with its current proposed design would be for it to maximize the number of residences it intends to build, which is not keeping with the original intent of the PUD.
2. Letters from last summer submitted by roughly 150 residents in the surrounding area objecting to BDR's request to relocate a main entrance to new residents on McVea or Lakeshore Drive. Approximately 100 letters are attached, and we understand that an additional 40 letters were submitted to the prior City Planner last year.

Respectfully,


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