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**Subject:** FW: Fruita City Council Meeting February 1, 2022  
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Public comment re: Mews.

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From: TOM CARRIE <nednordic1@msn.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:58 PM  
To: Shannon Vassen <svassen@fruita.org>  
Subject: Fruita City Council Meeting February 1, 2022

Good evening Councilors,

There are no affordable homes for purchase or rent in Fruita, CO. \$1600 per month is not “affordable” rent or mortgage payment for AMI in Mesa county, which of course includes Fruita. In some respects, Fruita owns higher monthly rents and mortgage payments than anywhere in Mesa county. This is based largely on average Fruita home prices exceeding \$440,000.

This is the premise for new housing projects such as Fruita MEWS; making housing affordable for individuals and families earning \$50,000 to \$90,000 annually.

The largest employers in Fruita, District 51 and Family Health West, Colorado Canyons Hospital, both enthusiastically support the MEWS development project. It’s not at all surprising. 70% of the employees of FHW are commuting to Fruita...they cannot afford to live in the city they work. The School District has experienced the same effect, no affordable housing in Fruita.

Imagine that these employees live and work and stay in Fruita to support a vibrant Fruita economy.

For clarity, the MEWS project is NOT a high rise development. The MEWS project is not a Section 8 Housing project. The MEWS project is to offer affordable “workforce” housing.

The City Planners have endorsed this project. The Fruita Planning Commission has endorsed this project. The City Traffic department has signed off on this project.

If you have taken the time to view any review the MEWS Plan details you would all agree that it exceeds all of what Fruita requires in future housing developments.

Please reflect sincerely on the benefits of the MEWS Project and discard previous biases. These are Plans for the future, of Fruita and the rest of the country.

Thank you. Tom and Carrie McNamara

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