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Rock Cove Hospitality Condo Plat Proposal limiting public access easement

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Dear council, city administrator Kinley,
I'm commenting on the City's request to decrease the amount of the plat public easement for this development proposal which includes condos.

This public access easement is in the plat. The developer, if he did any due diligence, should have known this fact. Yet, he and his colleagues chose to purchase the property after taxpayer DOLLARS were used to determine that it was not a brownfield.

The developer has stated that he might sell off some of the development at a future date. If that occurs, parts of this development could or would revert to City maintenance and thus put maintenance costs on the taxpayers of Stevenson.

The developer appears to want to decrease the public access easement, which goes all around the peninsula, in order to make the west side condos more private; whether this seclusion would also make them more expensive is something that should be determined by the Council.

Public access is important and that a public access easement was put in the county's plat in the first place makes this fact even more pertinent. We are in the process of building public paths all over the county and using taxpayer dollars to buy and build these paths and yet we have a ready-made public easement and now the City is asking to decrease the public access just because a developer so desires? I don't think so.

The residents of Stevenson and those of us who work and play in Stevenson, which is also our county seat, deserve that our access to public places not be proscribed because a developer doesn't want to have to invest in upgrading that public access for the future good of our entire community. Short term profits should not limit public access or this public access easement.

More trails and walkways make for a healthier community.

Thank you.

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