SUBDIVISION REVIEW SHEET

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<u>CASE NO.</u>: C8J-2013-0089 <u>Z.A.P. DATE</u>: November 19, 2013

December 17, 2013 January 7, 2014

SUBDIVISION NAME: McCormick Ranch on Lake Austin Preliminary Plan

<u>AREA</u>: 211.58 acres <u>LOT(S)</u>: 146

OWNER/APPLICANT: TR Vista Preserve, LLC

AGENT: Texas Engineering

(Chris Thompson) Solutions (Connor Overby)

ADDRESS OF SUBDIVISION: SELMA HUGHES PARK RD

GRIDS: WZ28, WZ27, A27, A28 COUNTY: Travis

<u>WATERSHED</u>: Lake Austin <u>JURISDICTION</u>: Limited-Purpose,

Full-Purpose

EXISTING ZONING: SF-2-CO & LA MUD: N/A

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: N/A

PROPOSED LAND USE: Single Family, Greenbelt, Right of Way, Public/Quasi-Public

ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS: None

<u>VARIANCES</u>: The applicant has requested the following variances and the variance requests were approved by the Travis County Commissioner's Court at their November 5, 2013 meeting:

- 1. A variance from Section 20-2-151 to not extend Merlene Drive into the subdivision.
- 2. A variance from Section 30-3-191 to not install sidewalks.
- 3. A variance from Section 30-2-159(a) to allow for private streets.
- 4. A variance from Section 30-2-158(c) to allow Granite Shoals Road to be greater than 2,000 feet in length.

SIDEWALKS: Sidewalks will not be required, (see variance request #2 above).

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>: The request is for approval of the McCormick Ranch on Lake Austin preliminary plan. The proposed plat is composed of 146 lots on 211.58 acres proposed for single-family use, (131 single-family lots, 3-private street lots, 11-openspace lots and 1-cemetery lot). Access to the site will be via Quinlan Park Road or Selma Hughes Park Road. The lots will be served by an internal network of private streets. Water and wastewater will be provided by Travis County W.C.I.D. #17. Austin Energy will provide electric service. Parkland dedication

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requirements must be satisfied at time of final plat applications. The application is subject to and has been reviewed under the Steiner Ranch Development Agreement. The developer will be responsible for all costs associated with any required improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends approval of the preliminary plan. This plan meets all city and county requirements.

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION:

CITY STAFF: Don Perryman

e-mail: don.perryman@austintexas.gov

PHONE: (512) 974-2786

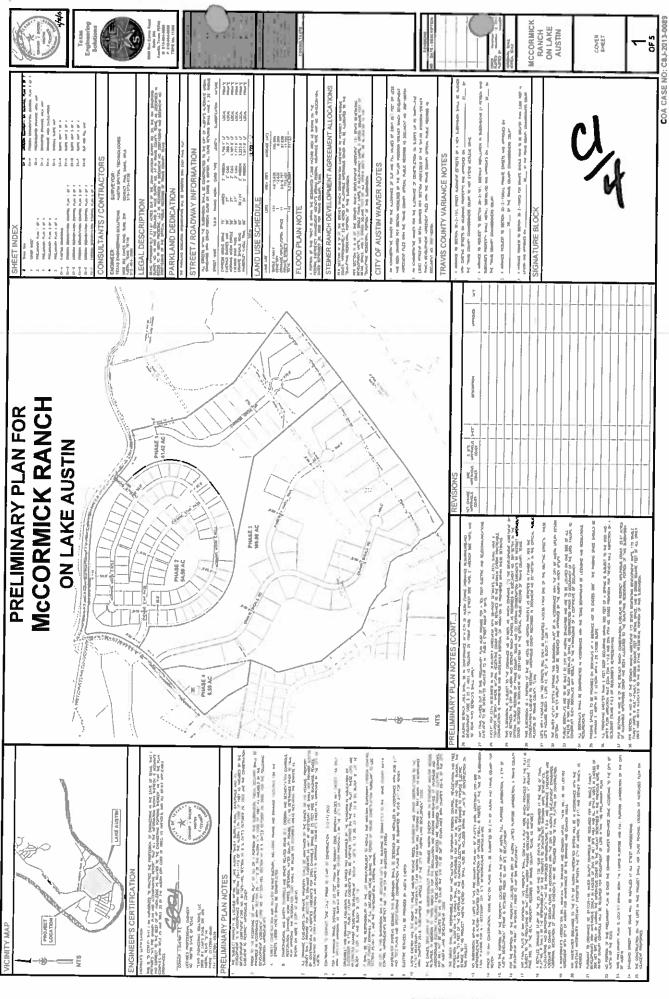


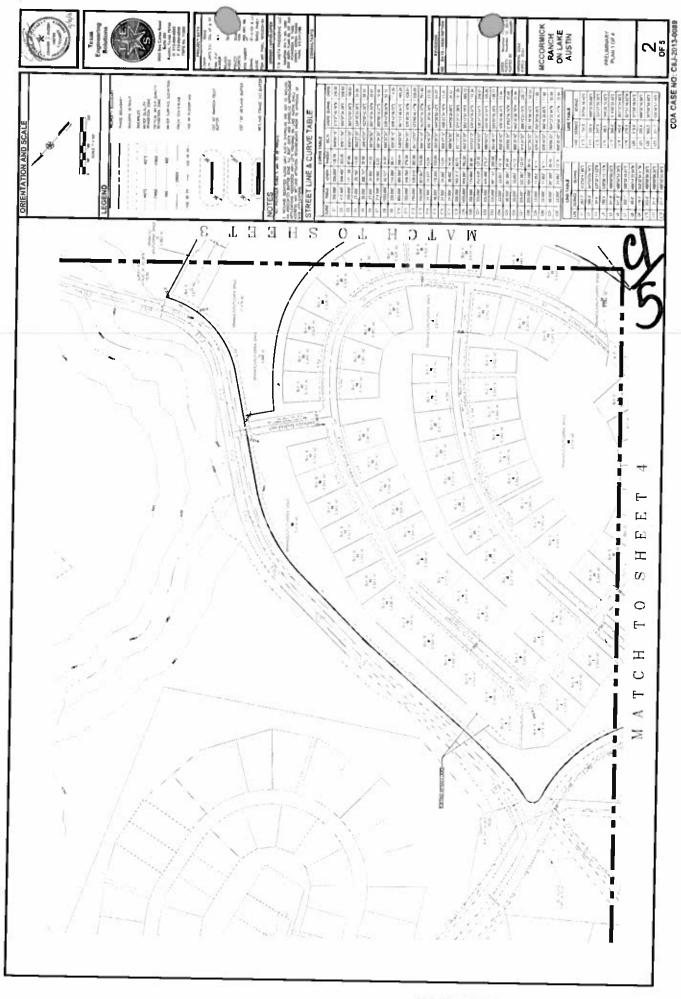
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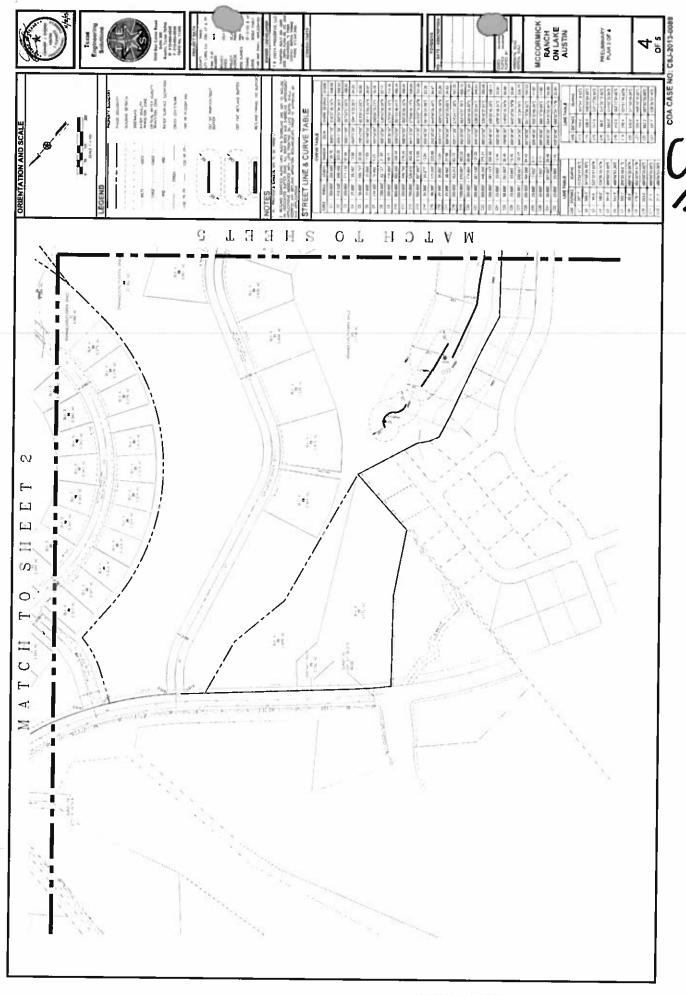


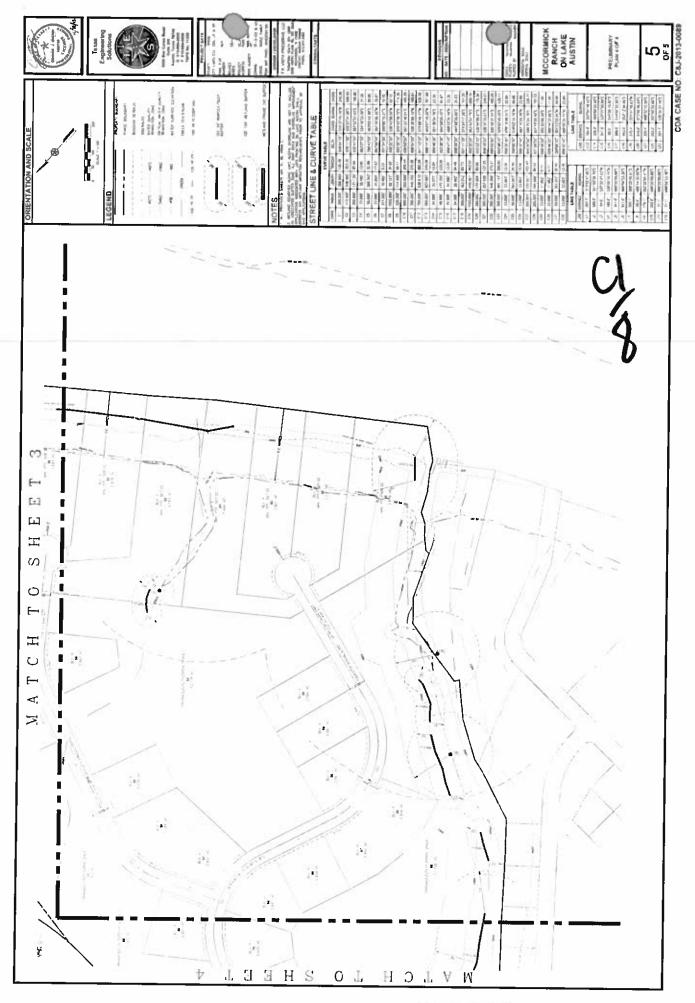






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From:

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 8:23 AM

To: Perryman, Don

Subject:

Safety Concerns- Steiner Ranch

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Dell - Internal Use - Confidential

Mr Perryman -

I understand there is a proposal to add additional homes to the back of Steiner Ranch in a new community called McCormick Ranch. I would ask they this be denied unless we add additional roads to leave the neighborhood – including a bridge to 2244.

The safety concerns are growing with this added development... Please help us!

Respectfully,

Erica Lambart

Executive Director - NA Sales Operations and Strategy Mobile: 512-917-2134 | Office: 512-723-8712 erica_lambert@dell.com



From:

Russell, Rick (TOO Town)

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 8:23 AM

To:

Perryman, Don

Subject:

opposition to McCormick Ranch in Steiner Ranch

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Mr. Perryman,

As a resident of the Bella Mar neighborhood out in the back of Steiner Ranch I am writing to ask you to deny any further development out back here, specifically the new developments planned for McCormick Ranch. As I am sure you have heard from multiple folks, it is simply too dense and too crowded already. The access and egress out of our neighborhoods during the AM and PM rush already resembles MoPac! This in addition to our schools bursting at the seams and they haven't even brought the 300+ apartment units on line at the front of Steiner. Please consider the folks already here, not the developers looking to make a buck out here. Thank you.

Rick Russell 12101 Azure Shores Ct. Austin, TX 78732 Mobile +512-569-2503

From:

Cheryl Anderson

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 8:49 AM

To:

Perryman, Don

Subject:

McCormick Ranch - PLEASE VOTE NO!

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Dear Mr. Perryman,

Good morning!

I would like to put on record that our family is opposed to this new addition. I am opposed for the following reasons:

- Safety: We were here during the wild fires 2 years ago. The lack of alternate routes for extreme cases like are a
 huge concern. And, because we live in the back of the neighbor (Bella Mar), our risk of getting out in a timely
 manner is that much more dangerous. Adding another 131 homes and 300 cars to the exit of these
 neighborhoods is just too much of a liability.
- Education: My children go to River Ridge Elementary. Their class rooms are already 10% over the standard headcount for their class due to overcrowding. I am concerned that my children's education will suffer due lack of time and attention needed for each student & teacher ratio.

We moved here for the great schools and education Steiner Ranch provides its families, I am afraid that the builders we are taking their eye of the ball and are just being greedy at the detriment of our children and family community.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Anderson 220 Emerald Ridge Drive

From:

Lisa Monts dimente Calculated

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 9:11 AM

To: Perryman, Don

Subject:

Opposition to planned neighborhood

My family is very much opposed to the planned neighborhood by Lake Austin. We are so frustrated with the traffic in Steiner Ranch and 620 already! We have even discussed moving out of Steiner Ranch because of the amount of traffic and the safety issues that are due to overbuilding in Steiner Ranch and Quinlan Park. Steiner Ranch was attractive to us because of it's beautiful trees and comfortable neighborhood "feel". The trees are disappearing and the traffic is terrible. Please, no more homes!!

Lisa Monts

From:

Cheryl Moehling

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:17 AM

To:

Perryman, Don

Subject:

Hearing Jan. 7th regarding planned subdivision at the end of Steiner Ranch

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Dear Don Perryman and whom this regards,

I am resident in the Bella Mar section of Steiner Ranch. I would like to start off by stating I am not against growth in my area or across the city of Austin. The issue I personally have is the poor planning and inability to look at the impact each new project brings to the area it is trying to enter.

The most recent issue being the intersection of 2222 and 620. How can a business' entrance be more important than the 1,000's of cars stuck in traffic? How can adding a new apartment complex on 2222 next to Target be acceptable when the road can not handle the traffic load already? How many accidents trying to turn left onto 2222 from Target will it take to get help? Will it take a death? These are just a few major issues we have in our area. The city keeps APPROVING more growth with no plans to improve roads. I know it comes down to money! Life is more important than money.

This brings me to my main issue: The planned subdivision by Lake Austin at the end of Steiner Ranch. As you are aware of Steiner Ranch basically has one way in and out. Even with the improvement in the past such as signal lights and widen or adding lanes the roads can not handle the flow of traffic in and out in emergency situations or everyday use.

The Steiner Ranch fires should of been a big enough "wake-up" call to the city that another exit/road is required for Steiner Ranch. I had a 3 week old baby at at home when the fires started. It took me over an hour from my home (which is close to the end of Steiner) to get to 620. I can not tell you terror I felt for my family. I also had my mother in law from out of state with us too. It was truly a horrible experience. I then had to take my baby in to be seen by the doctor to check on her. There was so much heavy smoke and high winds. Just having an evacuation plan in emergency situations is NOT enough! More recently a person was having a heart attack during the morning school drop off and traffic from Quinlan Park was so bad that the ambulance could not get to the person. They had to run 3 blocks just to get to the person! We need a new road! Currently with morning /everyday traffic it will take me 30 minutes to just get to 2222 from my home!

I have watched the November meeting and applaud the council members on not approving the the new subdivision without more discussion. I will not pretend to understand or be completely knowledgeable on every aspect of the approval process. What I gathered from the meeting is there a some agreement/code back in 2000 that the developer is following. Since 2000 I think you can agree a lot has changed. Who could of thought back then we would be facing fires, severe drought, and overloaded schools? This agreement/code or whatever it is called should be revisited or just thrown out. It is not up to date on the current situations in the area.

I understand the city bought land as preserve which now makes it impossible for the developer to even build another road out. I am all for protecting life, but MY life and all other humans in the area need to be protected too! We are in essence an "endangered specie". The city must revisit the need for a road in protection of all living things which includes HUMANS! The developer should be granted approval to make an additional road out of the area prior to adding a subdivision or any future project. Nothing but a road needs to be approved. No business'.... Nothing more that impacts the preserved area.

Please consider the already overcrowded schools. Many well over capacity. More importantly please consider the safety of the people living in the area before approving this subdivision.

From:

Yunhui Lee

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 11:16 AM

To:

Perryman, Don

Subject:

Steiner Ranch expansion - McCormick Ranch

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Mr. Perryman,

I am a resident in Emerald Ridge and I am against the development of McCormick Ranch. I am from the Austin area but my husband is from California and when we first considered moving into Steiner, safety was a huge concern of his. He was very concerned about the single entry in and out of Steiner in case of emergencies, specifically grass fires which he had experienced in California.

Having grown up in Austin, I assured him that it would never happen. Sure enough, during one of his international business trips, Steiner had the fires. The community was so ill prepared and the experience was horrifying. If my neighbor had never called, I would have been stuck home with my 2 boys unable to leave until it was too late.

Fortunately, we were able to leave but it took us over 2 hrs. to get from our street, Azure Shores Ct., to the signal at Quinlan and 620. This was over a year ago and since then many, many more homes have been developed in Steiner without any expansion to the roads. It terrifies me to think what would happen if another emergency incident was to occur in Steiner. It would truly be devastating because there was already too many of us a year ago.

Our schools are overcrowded and there is a lot of congestion on Quinlan Park. If an accident occurs on Quinlan Park, it is a nightmare trying to get in or out. Basically, we are at a stand still until the roads are cleared. More importantly, it makes it very difficult for the emergency vehicles to get in and out.

Therefore, until the current overcrowdedness can be addressed, it would be extremely irresponsible and potentially life threatening to approve the development of McCormick Ranch. The safety of our children, friends, and neighbors depend on it.

Sincerely, Yunhui Lee 12108 Azure Shores Ct.

Comments against Case Number C8J-2013-0089







We are encouraging the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department to reject the proposal for subdivision by Texas Engineering Solutions, Conner J. Overby on behalf of owner TR Vista Preserve, LLC, Chris Thompson. The basis of our rejection is as follows.

- Environmental Water
 - O This tract of land is located immediately beneath the Steiner Ranch development. Today, the runoff from Steiner ranch is already excessive and flows through this tract toward Lake Austin. The undeveloped state of this tract acts as a natural barrier, and allows some amount of surface water cleansing and flow reduction. Adding lot developments in this space will eliminate the only remaining barrier.
- Environmental Natural Green Belt as affects Austin beauty and Wildlife Habitat
 - Selma Hughes Park and this adjacent green space are one of the few left in this area along Lake Austin. Part of the proposed development includes additional lake front lots. It is important that Austin preserves these spaces, both as habitat for deer and other wildlife as well as green space along its water ways.
- Traffic --
 - Quinlan Park road is the only in and out entrance to Steiner ranch. Traffic is well beyond road designs, and is particular unsafe when schools along Quinlan Park road are in session. 148 additional lots will likely add in excess of 250 cars on a road already beyond safe limits. The intersection of 620 and 2222 is already rated one of the worst traffic junctions in Austin. Most of the traffic from this development will likely go through that intersection during its worst rush hours.

Austin has many options for growth that are not in environmentally critical areas, nor in areas that add to burdened roads. We respectfully ask the city of Austin to reject this subdivision proposal.

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Have traffic surveys been done to estimate / calculate the number of vehicles that leave Steiner Ranch during the hours of T:30 Am - 9:00 am and again at 3pm and 7:00 pm.

Another concern became a reality in September 2001 with the fire. As you know, there is one road in and one road out of this neighborhood, It took TWO Hours for people down at the bottom of Quinlan Park to wacete out of the reighborhood. What/Howwill adding 148 homes, with probably at least 300 more cars and drivers) possibly benefit the residents of this great community neighborhood. Please Took dosely at these issues before making a decision. This isn't about petting more money in builders and developers pockets. It is about maintaining a safe, confortable, manageable community. Respectfully, Michelle Booth

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From:

Michael Gunlock mgunlock@gmoil.com Tuesday, December 17, 2013 3:05 PM

Sent: To:

Perryman, Don

Subject:

McCormick Ranch Hearing

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Mr. Perryman

"Thousands trapped in Steiner Ranch as wildfires ravage west Austin..." may very well be a national news headline that haunts hearings like this in the future. My plea to the commission to reconsider approval of the McCormick Ranch subdivision is not predicated on an anti-growth or anti-development agenda, but rather on the shared responsibility of commission and developers to balance development with matching infrastructure. Quinlan Park Rd is ineffective as the sole emergency egress for the thousands of residents of Steiner Ranch as witnessed by those of us who lived through the 2011 wildfires. This is not just a traffic issue, but one of safety. Please share with the council.

Sincerest Regards

Michael Gunlock, MD Steiner Ranch Resident

From:

fallon2853 <follon2853@hetmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:23 AM

To:

Perryman, Don; Darlene Singleton; buthompto@yohoo.com

Subject:

Info related to McCormick Ranch

Attachments:

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Mr Perryman:

I wanted to share these pictures taken on Quinlain Park Rd this morning at 810 as I was leaving River Ridge neighborhood.

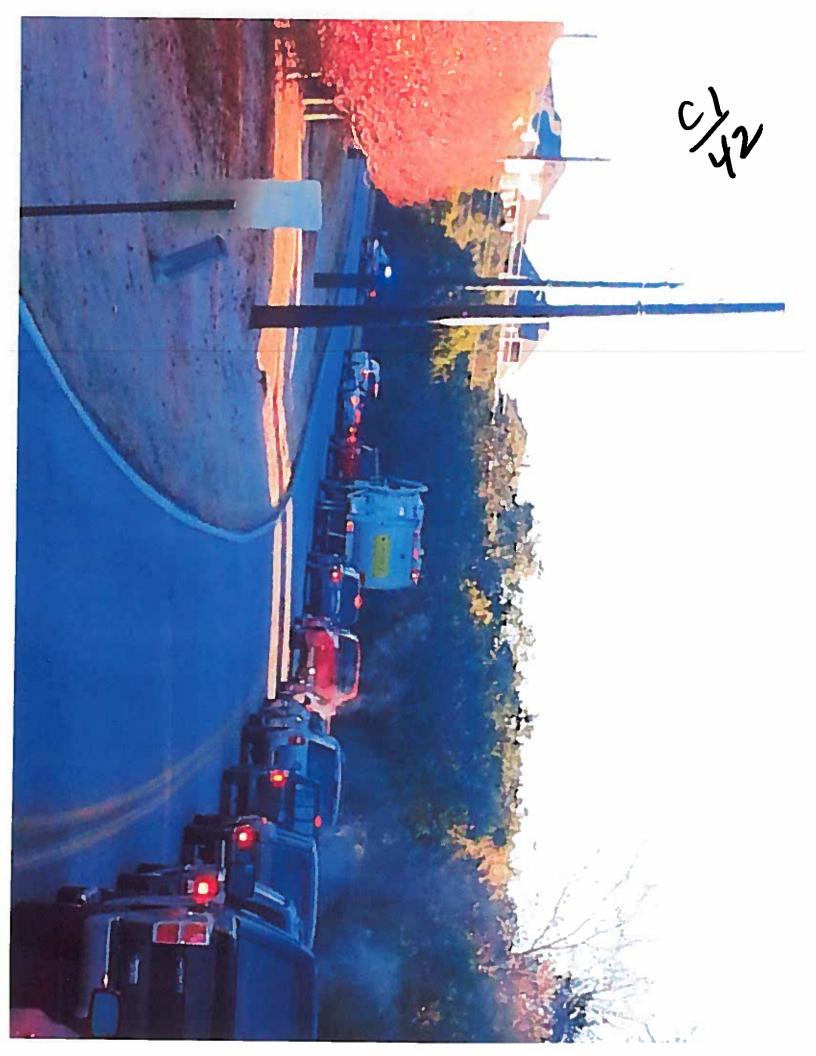
I believe there was a single car accident at Quinlain Park Road/Selma Hughes Rd. The traffic was backed up all the way down Quinlain Park Road, school buses and all! The single lane road prohibits traffic flow. Please share with the council.

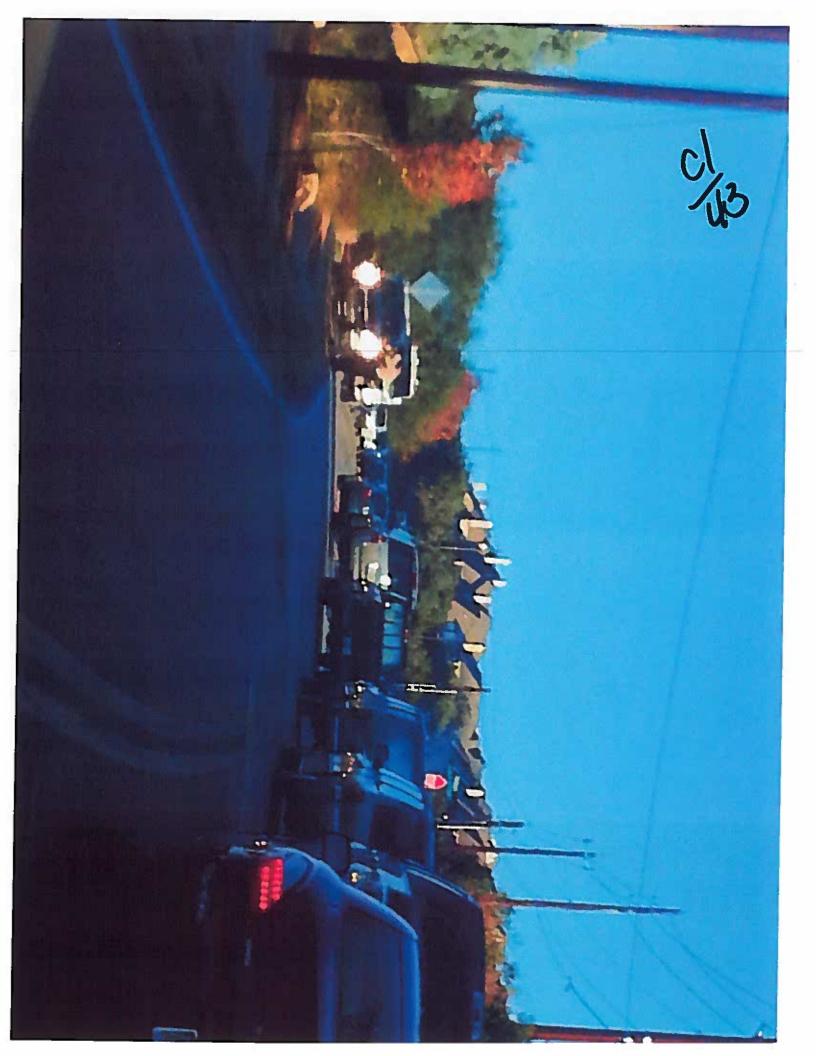
I will be at the meeting tonight and I will be sending the form in as well.

Respectfully

Lisa Fallon

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® II, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone





From:

Sent:

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 2:40 PM

To: Cc: Pet Marth Vallee Perryman, Don

Subject:

Improvement Quinlan Park Road for traffic.



Improvement Quinlan Park Road for traffic.

Dedicate an area for evacuation in this area to go.

Work with the city's Parks and Recreation Department to increase the boat ramp parking for Mary Quinlan Park boat ramp.

Route Boat traffic for Steiner 8oat ramp threw McCormick to remove it from Terjo Lane.

Have a Balcones conservation evaluation of the watershed run off from this development. Keeping in mind we are all on septic from below the development to the water. The clearing of the property will remove the natural foliage that holds and keeps erosion to this area. With out this the watershed will come threw River Ridge and our septic systems and end into Lake Austin and make its way down River and past City Hall!

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From:

Dick Kitchens aibkings@gmailto:richens

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 11:00 AM

To: Cc: Perryman, Don

Subject:

Pet Marth Vallee; Darlene Singleton Case Number C8J-2012-0089

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I moved here to Steiner Ranch in 1989. At that time it was owned by the Steiner family and was a working ranch with the subdivision on the lake. There were three cattle crossings from 620 to Quinlan Park boat ramp. It was plentiful with not only cattle, horses, beautiful deer, long eared rabbits, squirrels, snakes, Road runners, coyotes and various amount of beautiful wildlife. Now I might see one deer twice a year. Knowing that they are still in the area the only area that they can go to which is in their habitat is to the area where their is water. On this water bound peninsula there is one area left! Now McCormick development wants to take the last piece of habitat on this beautiful Ranch. For me I have given up sacrifices for the development of the Steiner Ranch. They have always given in to leaving a preserve for the habitat of this last part of Steiner Ranch! Please look at their map and you can see the waterfront that this habitat animals can get to. Steiner Ranch is the only development in Austin Texas boarded on all three sides by water! It is a true meaning of one way in and one way out! Safety has always been a concern. Safety now has to be your concern! Do not let development over rule safety! They are protecting the cemetery but I hope not for the the wrong reason. If nothings been brought up about this historical cemetery someone needs to. As commissioners on the board of development for the city of Austin you must deny this request.

Dick Kitchens 1116 Terjo Lane Austin, Texas 78732 Donate Life

From:

Liz Hahn Albahn Adulau como

Sent:

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 9:32 AM

To:

Perryman, Don

Cc: Subject:

Casillas, Cindy
Objection to McCormick Ranch on Lake Austin

Attachments:

Protest to new development.pdf



Hello, Mr. Perryman and Ms. Casillas:

I am writing to protest the McCormick Ranch development. It is my understanding there will be a hearing tonight which I am unable to attend because we are dealing with recent flooding we had in our rental property. We have some people coming in this evening to do cleaning and work on the house so we need to be there for that.

I have attached a document which I have signed indicating my objections to this new development right next to our subdivision. I live in the River Ridge subdivision.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope for a good resolution.

Happy Holidaysl

Sincerely,

Liz Hahn

DAVIS & WRIGHT, P.C.

Elizabeth Nader Hahn, RN, BSN, LNC Legal Nurse Consultant Davis & Wright, P.C. Travis Oaks Building 5113 Southwest Parkway, Suite 115 Austin, Texas 78735 512.482.0614 (Phone) 512.482.0342 (Fax)

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For River Ridge Residents

Many of us who reside in River Ridge and Steiner Ranch are protesting the construction of the McCormick Ranch on Lake Austin. We are concerned for the further destruction of wildlife and the added traffic congestion which already exists on Quinlan Park Road.

According to the plat of the future subdivision, three more roads will be formed off of Quinian Park Road into this subdivision between Selma Hughes Park Road and Terjo Lane. The addition of 148 homes more will result in added vehicles on Quinlan Park Road. If you figure three cars per home, it adds up to 444. We, In River Ridge Addition, are surrounded by water at the end of our road. In case of another fire or other disaster, we may not be able to escape with only one way out. Over 10,000 homes have been built on Steiner In the past ten years. This acreage is the last bit of land that can be built on. This property also contains a historic cemetery on Quinlan Park Road just across from Caslano Addition.

We are asking everyone who is Interested to appear at the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM Tuesday night at City Hall. if you protest this subdivision and cannot appear, please sign at the bottom of this letter indicating your disagreement and I will deliver It to the council meeting tomorrow night.

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Sent:

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 4:54 PM

To: Cc:

Perryman, Don Pet Marth Vallee

Subject:

River Ridge is a small neighborhood which where not all notified



River Ridge is a small neighborhood with approximately 300 homes. Nestled between the 4,600 acred master planned community Steiner Ranch and Lake Austin Spa and Resort (Condé Nast Traveler #1 Destination Spa of 2010).

This quiet neighborhood boasts a high population of golf cart owners, that rarely visit the local golf course. River Ridge is adjacent to two public boat ramps, Mary Quinlan Park and the River Bend boat ramp. Both ramps feed into the always cool crisp waters of Lake Austin. River Ridge is a wonderful neighborhood and a prime location for boat owners and lake enthusiasts. Quality, low-key, "Shiner Ranch" livin' is River Ridge.

River Ridge is on Austin City Water distributed through WCID #17. Each property uses a private sewer system. River Ridge has a Home Owner Association that mainly remains inactive. Which translates to NO HOA fees. River Ridge is located in the top rated Leander Independent School District. River Ridge Elementary, Canyon Ridge Middle School, and Vandegrift High School are the schools for this communities students. Depending on the time of year and the Principle's schedule, a tour of these schools may be available for new homeowners. The ESD #6 Fire Dept. is located approximately 2.5 miles away.

River Ridge has a uniqueness of having lots available for constructing your own custom home, with any builder you choose. The tax base in River Ridge is typically lower than it's neighboring communities.

Recent River Ridge Properties

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