



July 20, 2022

Hello, AHFC and City Council representatives.

I write on behalf of the JJ Seabrook neighborhood, the home of the future 3511 & 3515 Manor Road development. After proposal review, discussion, outreach, a straw poll and a survey, a strong majority of neighbor respondents favored the Foundation Communities proposal. As the JJ Seabrook neighborhood association president, I want to underscore that JJ Seabrook neighbors engaged in this process earnestly and deeply from the start (pre-RFP) to present.

The Foundation Communities proposal does 5 things that prompted community support for the Fontaine Trails proposal over the proposals scored by city staff. These characteristics more closely align it with community priorities. They also align with city priorities conveyed throughout the RFP engagement process and in the RFP.

- 32% Multibedroom Units (3-4 bedrooms) for Families; 26-28% over other proposals
- Onsite Services in support of community needs (adult education classes, youth programming, financial services, food pantry, health fair, etc.)
- Design Compatibility: Height on Greenwood, No Curb Cuts or Driveways on Pershing
- 98% residents maintaining independent housing ~1 year after entry
- Requests \$200,000 from the city; \$7,500,000 less than other proposals

Residents of the JJ Seabrook neighborhood, the home of this future development expect that the city:

- make the scorecard scoring process visible to neighbors [beyond the tallies for proposals posted online],
- reflect an accurate understanding of the current affordable housing configurations and service needs in our neighborhood (the majority of deeply affordable housing available is currently efficiency & 1 bedroom) and
- ensure that all people voting, scoring, and speaking on behalf of any proposal with professional, financial, or substantive personal ties to organizations who put forth proposals make their affiliations public and potentially recuse themselves from the process.

We invite you to walk the area with us prior to the 7/28/22 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Johnson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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