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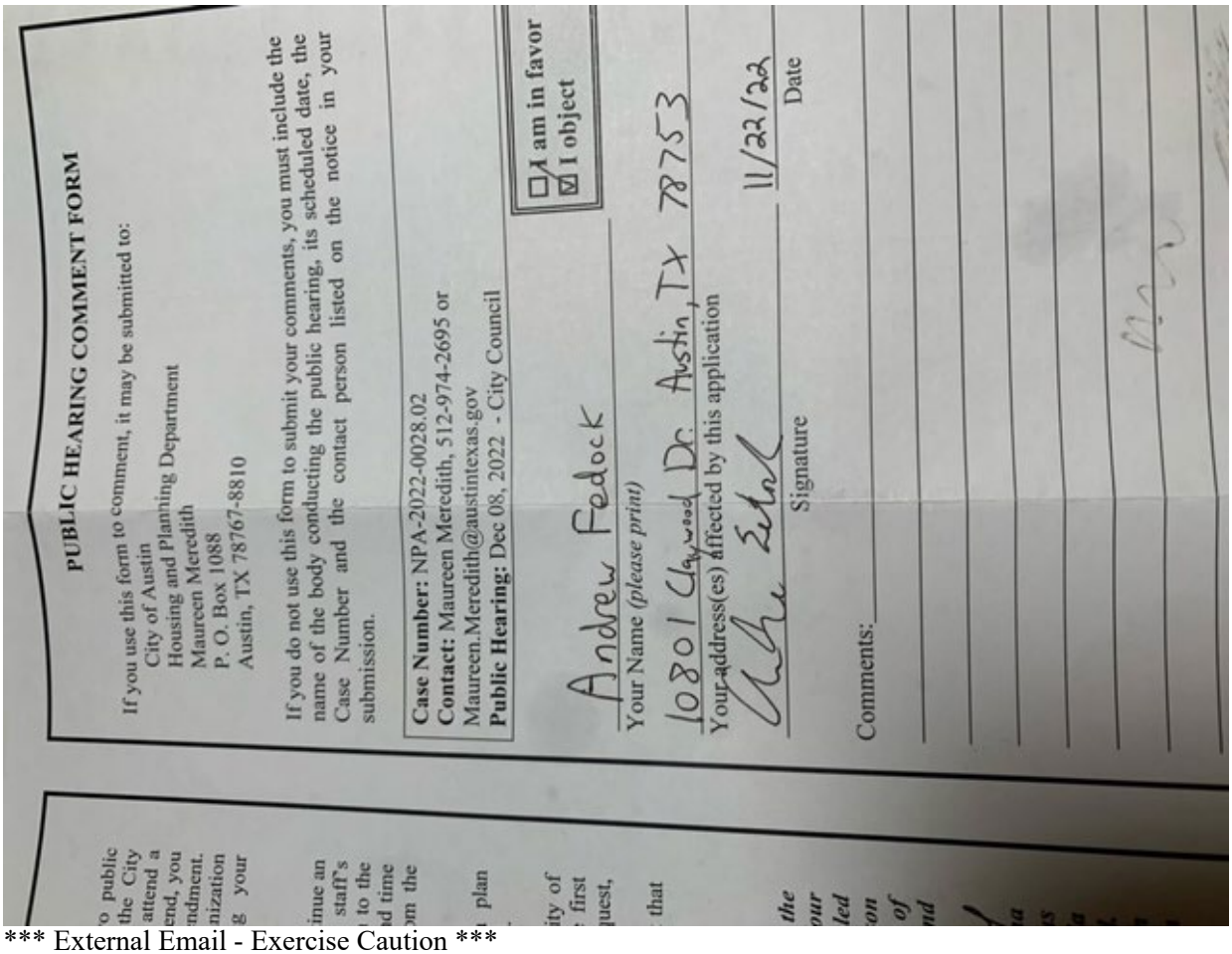

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Case Number: NPA-2022-0028.02
Contact: Maureen Meredith, 512-974-2695 or Maureen.Meredith@austintexas.gov
Public Hearing: Dec 08, 2022 - City Council

☐ I am in favor
☑ I object

Your Name *(please print)* Andrew Fedock

Your address(es) affected by this application 10801 Claywood Dr. Austin, TX 78753

Signature

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Date

Comments:

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Meredith, Maureen

To: Barbara Mink
Subject: RE: Case Number: NPA-2022-0028.02

From: Barbara Mink
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Meredith, Maureen <Maureen.Meredith@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Case Number: NPA-2022-0028.02

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Case Number: NPA-2022-0028.02
Contact: Maureen Meredith

Public Hearing: December 8, 2022, City Council

My name: Barbara P. Mink

Address affected: 1208 Somerset Ave. Austin 78753

Daytime phone number: 512-415-4090

Date: December 7, 2022

Comments:

I object to this rezoning.

My property is directly across the creek from the proposed project. We had the developers out in October 2022 to our neighborhood association meeting (North Acres Homeowner's Association, NAHA). They did not present any detailed information about this project. They just want the re-zoning and then then they said they would tell the neighbors any details about what they intend to build there. The presentation was basically a “trust us, it will be lovely” approach. We have gotten differing information as to the number of units, whether they will be for purchase, for long term rental or short-term rental, etc. “They will be lovely” is all the developers say. LOTS more details are needed.

Legally they cannot build within a certain distance from the center of the creek. But they provided no information about how they intend to protect the creek and not have contamination of the creek. That creek and the areas around the creek have a stand of huge trees and the area has been the natural habitat for generations for owls, hawks, possums, armadillos, coyotes, foxes and many song birds. In fact, this morning there were armadillos walking in my backyard and a hawk flew from tree to tree in my backyard and then went to a tree across the creek. The developers say that the area along the creek will be ‘parkland’ without any details of how they intend to leave this natural area as the wildlife refuge that it has been for generations. They seem to be using a loophole… they have to designate a certain portion of their land as ‘parkland’, so they are just saying that their ‘parkland’ will just be the area where they cannot build anyway.

Neighbors on this side of the creek have dealt with folks walking through our properties to get to the area and the creek. There have been several homeless camps there as well. We have had to watch our children in our own backyards because of others trying to get to the property across the creek. If the area across the creek now becomes 'parkland', the amount of traffic from outside the immediate neighborhood seeking access to this area will only increase. Neighbors have walked the creek for decades with their families and enjoyed the "wilderness" in our North Acres neighborhood. We want it to stay wild so as not to disturb the wildlife who have lived there for decades.

The developers need to be much more forthcoming with detailed plans. They talked about maybe 8 units, now the Amendment states that they can have up to 15 units. Where are the details of this project?

Thank you,

Barbara

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