

[EXTERNAL] Brush Creek Minor subdivision

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To: Toomians, Kristinae <KToomians@srcity.org>

Hello Kristina,

I live on Brush Creek rd across the street from the proposed annexation and subdivision of 2210 Brush Creek rd.

I am writing to submit to the public record my comments as follows:

While the housing shortage in Sonoma county requires new development of housing stock, I am concerned that the proposed project at 2210 Brush Creek Rd will include a thorough traffic and environmental impact study prior to any approval for development. The property is part of a natural wildlife corridor to Brush Creek and any development should include a study assessing the impact to this vital corridor. Speeds on this section of Brush Creek rd are excessive already and lead to high numbers of road kill in this spot.

I am also concerned that another intersection in this section of Brush Creek Rd will lead to traffic accidents due to poor visibility approaching the property from the north.

In addition congestion at the Fountaingrove/Brush Creek intersection would increase. Is there a proposed traffic light for the intersection or will it remain a straight unimpeded thoroughfare all the way to Fountaingrove intersection?

I would hope that any traffic analysis would include an important recommendation of lowering of the speed limit on the section of Brush Creek rd north of Fountaingrove intersection, from 40mph to 35 mph.

Thank you for consideration of these concerns, and I look forward to attending the public meeting on the matter when it is announced.

Sincerely,

Gerry Camarata



Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of the Brush Creek Minor Subdivision on Brush Creek Road in Santa Rosa. As a homeowner and resident on Lyric Lane, which directly borders the proposed housing development, I have a number of concerns about the potential risks to the neighborhood that additional housing may pose.

My concerns revolve primarily around the incessant danger that fires present to our community. As a survivor of the 2017 Tubbs Fire, keeping my neighborhood safe is of paramount importance to me. There are several reasons why I believe that increased development in this area would pose additional risk during fire season.

My first concern is that adding four additional homes along Lyric Lane would significantly increase traffic on this street, which could create congestion during evacuations. During each fire season, this area of Santa Rosa is frequently subject to mandatory evacuation; situated at the bottom of Fountaingrove Parkway, in a densely wooded area along Brush Creek Road and bordering Highway 12, this neighborhood is often in immediate danger. Assuming that each new home will have an average of two residents, this project could add at least eight additional vehicles entering and exiting Lyric Lane. In the event of a sudden evacuation notice, this could create blockage on what is already a small cul-de-sac. Lyric Lane is a relatively narrow street not currently wide enough to even support parking on the side of the road adjacent to the open space. Adding four homes on that side of the street would create a crowded environment that could be difficult to navigate during an emergency.

Furthermore, developing residences in the proposed location eliminates an important open space in this extremely fire-prone area, where it would be prudent to not densely pack additional structures. Adding new development in an environment already so vulnerable to fires adds unnecessary danger to existing residents in this area. As we learned in the Tubbs Fire, building homes close together elevates the risk that fire will catch from building to building, thus allowing the fire to spread faster and devastate more homes. Maintaining the land in front of the existing structures on Lyric Lane is an important buffer that I feel is necessary to keep our homes safe.

Given the fire-related risks of living in this area of Santa Rosa, I struggled immensely to find insurance coverage for my home on Lyric Lane. I purchased this house in 2019 after losing my Fountaingrove home to the Tubbs Fire, and due to the evident risk that fires present to this particular community, was declined by five different insurance companies before finding one willing to cover my home. I was even rejected by my existing insurance company that covered my Fountaingrove home, and this year, my home insurance premium doubled due to increasing fire concerns. This should demonstrate that constructing additional homes in an area insurance companies are wary to cover is a dangerous idea.

Thus, I urge you to reconsider the development of the Brush Creek Minor Subdivision.

Sincerely,

Noriko Frazer

