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Ken- The below email was sent to you and myself during the time of the hearing. This is from Walt Jorgensen who was having some technical difficulties at last night's hearing.

Walt provided his comment and concern and ask those to be part of the record. Please forward with the City and Applicant's responses below to Hearing Examiner Scheibmeir.

City Staff Response to Mr. Jorgensen's concern.

The calculation of units that Mr. Jorgensen is concerned about is misunderstood. The proposal is to building 8 townhome structures that has only 4 units in each structure and 1 townhome structure with 3 units for a total of 35 units. The 2 single family units provide the overall unit count of 37 units. Maximum densities allowed by the zoning district, even with the density bonus for townhomes limits the site to 40 units and no more.

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Chris Cramer (Applicants Authorized Representative) Response-

My only comment is the project has 37 lots/units in total as I'm sure you are aware.

The error by Mr. Jorgensen appears to be how he applied the 4 units per building to his equation. The total number of lots proposed is 37, of which we have 2 single family detached, 1- 3plex attached, and 8- 4plex buildings. For a grand total of 37 dwelling units/lots for the plat.

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Item: Notice of Public Hearing agenda for the project known as **Blackberry Hill Plat** located at **2817 Boulevard Road SE.**
PROJECT: 19-3976

I would like to testify on this item before the Hearing Examiner, but can't figure out how to do that.

Hearing Examiner	8/10/2020	 6:30 PM	Zoom Virtual Meeting Blackberry Hill Plat 19-3976 - Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88114530287?pwd=Sjk1OHpscckJTQ2s0Y2VlVGt5VXhKUT09	Meeting details	 Agenda	Not available	Not available
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Section B. of the OMC states-

B. Units per Structure.

1. In R4, 4-8 and portions of the R 6-12 Districts not located within the Transition Area, each townhouse structure shall contain no more than four (4) individual dwelling units, and there shall be no more than one (1) builder per townhouse structure.

I don't know what undesirable circumstance the proscription against multiple builders per structure avoids, but it sure seems that having no restriction of how many "structures" the same builder can build immediately adjacent to each other sneaks a giant project in the back door, e.g., 35 x 4 = 140 individual dwelling units. How is a citizen to anticipate that this is what would be allowed before it is presented as an issue to a Hearing Examiner?

I would appreciate if my comments and question are made a part of the record and will preserve my standing to participate in the future. Please acknowledge receipt of my testimony.

Thank you.

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