March 18, 2019

Dear Tim,

In attending the Design Review Board Meeting on March 14, 2019 I was struck by the community layout. I have lived here less than a year and on buying there was no mention of incorporating townhouses amongst homes. It was to be in a designated area to the north of the entrance into Mill Pond. If I am understanding the current layout correctly I would like to bring up a couple of concerns.

The alleys at Mill Pond are extremely narrow. At my residence, it is difficult to turn into my driveway. I have been asked to move my medium sized vehicle as close as 1 inch so the fire trucks could come through. I would like to see the alley widened prior to the development of phase 2. My home is backing the undeveloped 2nd phase. If one townhouse unit housed 2-3 vehicle owners there would not only be increased traffic through the alleys but the potential for vehicle damage of neighboring residents. We should be able to park with ease in the driveways leading up to our garages in the alley. This holds true whether or not they place the townhouses amongst the homes.

I wanted to comment on the discussion of window placement. I found it a little confusing. With the setback only 3 feet from adjoining homes the window placement on home designs is crucial. I'm not sure if what was discussed was giving the builder MORE opportunity to ignore the privacy of the residents. The openness of the window is a draw to the design but no one wants to be peered upon.

As a side note and unrelated issue I would like to take the opportunity to address the high crime at Mill Pond. As you may know, we have had several vehicle and home break-ins. It is very disturbing to know there is not a security system in place for our community. It does not welcome new home buyers and a detriment to the development. If we want the community to thrive we need to protect those who support it. I would like to see a security gate placed at the entrance/entrances to Mill Pond. This will not detour pedestrians but it will detour vehicles scanning our neighborhood for potential victims.

Respectfully,

Lynne LaFave, homeowner

