

Wealthy developers, driven by their goal of creating affordable housing, often scour neighborhoods for suitable properties to transform. However, their plans sometimes overlook the impact on the existing community. In an area predominantly filled with single-family homes, these developers propose constructing a multi-story building, aiming to maximize space and provide more housing options.

This proposal has sparked significant concerns among the local residents, who fear that the development will over shadow their homes, disrupt the neighborhood's aesthetic, and strain existing infrastructure. Residents worry about the increase in traffic, and the increase on parking space demands, that already exist with the library buildings close proximity. Also the loss of the neighborhood's unique character, that's been built over 40 or so years.

Nonresident developers are money driven at all costs, moving into areas with no regard for anyone, as long as they can get approval to build. Dismantling small communities as they go and stressing residents that are close to their project of the moment.

I myself have lived through stresses, when the developer built all the homes behind McDonald Court and to the north of Scott Street. The city let him dewater while they were blasting and in the process dewatered forty of the forty wells here in the court.

This cost the city and our residents financially, and many months living off of one two inch waterline. That line was the source but it was garden water hoses that supplied each house, at our expense. Our subdivision was covered in garden hoses. That time the city failed us.

When people achieve their dream of home ownership, and create an environment that they have dreamed of, paid their taxes and paid for protection by insurance. That insurance covers fire and theft, flood and liability, but there is no protection from someone coming in to destroy what they have built and created. Also when that someone is so wealthy they can control every aspect of the situation, knowing the average homeowner can't fight back.

This is when our protection and our hopes and dreams lies with the city, protecting us as taxpayers.

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