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Hi, Wendy. Please share these comments with the planning commissioners, and also Laurie Green who will be a commissioner in the new year...I am not sure who else.

Thoughts to consider as the next chapter in zoning and community planning begins. Consider the notion of communities where people can get what they need without a lot of driving. Have you ever visited Europe? Some of the greatest places there are walkable villages where residences, businesses, and services are within walking or bicycling distance. Think of retirement communities like Shorewood or Spruce Point. People like them because they can live, eat, be entertained, and socialize within walking distance of their apartments. Here we are, aging, retiring, living longer than ever, being more active as we do so. Also, young people need spaces for kids to play. Forget about tourists for a few minutes, and second home owners and investment properties for out of staters who may retire here in a few years. Imagine gardens with vegetables and herbs and flowers instead of lawns. at least in open areas, where the local residents can participate in activities that bring them some food. Think about developing the land and the greater community in such a way that it is focused on wholistic living that encourages walking, biking, socializing, being able to work, shop, and live...in reasonably accessible fashion as people get older, as they interact with grandchildren...and with a focus less on cars and diesel engines and big trucks. NOT sure if you can imagine what I'm imagining. A break from the status quo . Look to some European cities as your guides, especially in the Netherlands.

I know I am an idealist, and I don't think you will be able to make it a perfect Grandma Moses kind of painting around here, but I do think it can be softened up, integrated a bit more in terms of multi-use planning, etc.

Thanks.
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