Community Update on Gate Proposal

Our legal counsel along with a Board member met with Mayor Robert Rickman and City Manager Randall Bradley on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 to express the Board's and community's frustration with the entire application experience and city staff. The Board member did a very good job of establishing the background and history of the application and articulating how extremely disappointing it has been to have expended so much in the way of time and resources to still be at this point in the process.

The City Manager quickly responded by stating he was on the Planning Commission when the Redbridge project was approved. He acknowledged the City always knew and expected, at some point, that the community would be gated. He indicated that staff had told him there were legal issues with the environmental document (namely, the traffic study) and that Redbridge was supposed to amend its application to "take care" of the legal issues.

Amara Morrison, our legal counsel, responded by explaining the history of the application and that we come away from discussions with the city staff, thinking we had come to agreements only to find later that the City changed its direction once again.

City Manager Bradley indicated his office was anxious to get past the application as it has already consumed a considerable amount of staff time and resources. The group then met with City Attorney Tom Watson and Andrew Malik, Director of Development Services.

After a lengthy discussion, the City Manager agreed to have the City pay to finalize the draft traffic study and to amend the City's document which will be reviewed and approved as a part of the application.

Finally, all parties agreed this project should be presented to the Planning Commission. That hearing is tentatively scheduled for October 10th. Amara Morrison is working diligently to complete the necessary reports to meet that deadline.

More information to follow. Please mark your calendars. It is vital your voice is heard.