No Rezoning! Save Our Neighborhoods! Starmount Forest – Hamilton Lakes

On Monday, September 13, 2010, the Zoning Commission will consider a request to rezone approximately 2.5 acres at the southwest corner of Friendly Avenue and Holden Road to allow <u>Conditional-General Office- Moderate Intensity</u> development on the site.

Our neighborhoods oppose this!

How does this concern me?

Currently, single family residences line the Friendly Avenue thoroughfare all the way from the old Ham's Restaurant property at the edge of the Sunset Hills Neighborhood to Muir's Chapel Road near Guilford College. For 50 years until 2007, consistent with a 1957 Starmount/Hamilton Lakes covenant established by the NC General Assembly, any development, other than single family residential, has been prohibited on the south side of Friendly Avenue.

What is being done about it?

A group of your neighbors is hard at work to oppose this effort and has had several meetings over the past few months, the most recent being a meeting at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 29th to share information. We have organized email lists, have a website, and established a neighborhood network. Collectively, we have a wealth of expertise and are preparing a professional presentation of coordinated speakers to oppose the rezoning at the September 13th Zoning Commission meeting. We are encouraging everyone who opposes this to attend the September 13th meeting! We are also prepared to attend the October 19th City Council meeting, if the property owner appeals the Zoning Commission's decision, if the ruling is in our favor. We are prepared to take our case, in large numbers with civility and professionalism, to the City Council meeting. We are also preparing a city approved Protest Petition that will be filed with the City Council regarding this appeal.

Can one neighbor really make a difference?

Yes! We hope you will work together with your neighbors to help keep your neighborhood single family residential and not allow "business/commercial creep" & "spot zoning" to develop along

Holden Road and Friendly Avenue. We must work together NOW to stop this rezoning and prevent the beginning of a trend that will erode the edges of our single family residential neighborhoods.

How Can I Help?

- First, put a "No Rezoning!" sign in your front yard to show your support of this opposition.
 The signs cost \$10 each. You may pay cash or make a check to "Save Our Neighborhoods". To get a sign, or signs, call 851-2258 or 299-9392.
- Volunteer to take signs or flyers door-to-door! Go to the website to learn how.
- Plan to attend the September 13th Zoning Commission meeting in the City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. and the City Council subsequent meeting, if appealed, on October 19th.
- Frequently check our website: <u>www.norezoning.org</u> for information updates and notifications of upcoming meetings.
- Email your opposition to the Zoning Commissioners. Their email addresses are provided on our website. Note that three new Zoning Committee members will be seated in September, so they would not have received your emails this summer.
- Email: <u>NOREZONING@YMAIL.COM</u> (all caps!) to get on the mass email distribution list or call 851-2258.
- Make copies of this flyer to give to your neighbors and spread the word!
- You may also make a financial contribution to help with expenses to
 "Save Our Neighborhoods" and mail to P.O. Box 4543, Greensboro, NC 27404-4543.

Thank you, neighbor, for your support in keeping our neighborhoods a beautiful, quiet <u>residential</u> place for all to enjoy!

Your Neighborhood Committee

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