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Good Afternoon,

I watched the online video of the Thursday, July 21 regular Planning Commission Meeting, and was especially interested in the discussion beginning about 34 minutes into the meeting, where Laura Mork speaks on the decision to keep the areas next to Paramount Park and Open Spaces as R6 as opposed to MUR35.

From watching many of the planning commission online meetings, the Planning Commission has stated their intent is to keep this area as R6, in order to keep the value as low as possible, with the intention of keeping their costs down so they can purchase the property for park expansion. The question of whether this is ethical has been raised, and the discussion always seemed to circumvent the question, and bottom line it to keeping the price down for the benefit of future park purchases. Comments heard at this and previous meetings:

Jack Malek: To downgrade it for the purpose of purchasing it would not be a fair thing; thankfully they wouldn't have to, it's already R6, at the base level. MUR35 fetches more money.

Susan Chang: kept at R6 because commission was looking at whether this is in critical areas. (I don't know why it has not yet been determined what the critical areas are. They either are or are not wetlands/critical area, which would determine whether there is the option of going from R6 to MUR35.)

Easton Craft: stated they are interested in the site as use for park expansion; when asked what if property owners don't want to sell, he said city could always rezone it.

I guess you can determine from my interest, that my house backs up against Paramount Park. I am getting a bit alarmed, as it seems that you are making plans for my property which may not be in my best interest; you are saying I will only be able to sell it at R6 level, and that I would end up having to sell to the Parks, who have worked to keep the value down.

I hope my understanding of this is misguided; the one thing I do not want to happen is having my options taken away from me. After working 30

years in order to have my home paid off when I retire, this is not looking to be in my interest.

I would appreciate any feedback you can provide.

Thank you.

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