



January 9, 2022

Mr. Jeff Barnes
City of Scottsdale

Dear Mr. Barnes:

By E-Mail

Ref: Pre-Application Number 799-PA-2021

We have received notice of this application with a request to comment.

We own 4 properties in The Village of Pavo Real at the southwest corner of Camelback Road and 68th Street – Units 11,12,13, and 46.

We are writing to petition the City to **decline** the request to approve the abandonment of a 10ft right of way on 68th street.

Our comments are as follows:

1. The Old Town Scottsdale Urban Design & Architectural Guidelines adopted in 2019 commit to enhance the pedestrian environment by creating an interconnected, walkable downtown. 68th Street is right on the perimeter of Old Town.
2. Granting a release of the right of way directly contradicts the approved walking access strategy of the City.
3. The applicant does not elaborate on a reason for the request or indicate whether the application is a precursor to additional development plans nor deny any such development intentions.

4. We do not believe the City should transfer economic benefit to individual property owners at the expense of multiple neighboring property owners.
5. From the GIS there appears to be 2 fences and some building structures already in and adjacent to the right of way. It is unclear whether the request has been made to correct non-compliant development.
6. The residential density and traffic on 68th Street have increased in the last few years. The expansion of Sonoran Village and the renovation of the Scottsdale Fashion Square have of course contributed to this. The City has benefited from these improvements and should be willing to invest in sidewalks to support the additional foot traffic accordingly. We believe that this is the appropriate use of the City's right of way on 68th Street and it should be retained for such.
7. The average age of the residents in The Village of Pavo Real is well above the average age of the City. Safe sidewalk access to Old Scottsdale should be a priority for elderly City residents.
8. 68th Street is crying out for sidewalks! The danger to pedestrians, dog-walkers and cyclists is increasing each year. **Please** consider 68th street sidewalks in your paving budget plans. The City's Right of Way on 68th Street should be preserved.

We urge you to decline the request of Pre-Application 799-PA-2021.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment and for your consideration.

We can be contacted by phone at **704-756-1276** or by e-mail at pjkoleary@gmail.com

Sincerely,



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