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On Thursday Nov. 3, 2022, owners from Scottsdale Adobe Ranch, Talavera, Councilwoman Solange Whitehead and representatives from the proposed project of a storage unit case # 3D-DR-2022 met to share thoughts regarding the impact this construction would have on the local existing community. Concerns were discussed keeping in mind the City of Scottsdale's 2022 Organization Strategic Plan:

***To enhance and protect Scottsdale's neighborhood identity, character, and livability through appropriate land uses and high standards for design**

***To promote a culture of community safety, resilience and well-being for residents, employers, and employees**

Major community concerns revolved around unclear **safety** measures, **negative impact to our quality of life**, and **lack of design in the proposal**. The structure, as currently presented, does nothing to enhance the community around it or grow the local economy on a sustained level.

Concerns and key points of the conversation also included but were not limited to the following:

*Owners stressed their concern for the **safety** of the community as this project is so close in proximity to the backyards of the Scottsdale Adobe Ranch community. Key concerns were not only proximity of a large structure of **800** storage lockers but also **monitoring the randomness of people entering and exiting the unit from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.**

Representatives said each owner would have a code assigned to them. However codes, like passwords, are shared and therefore there is no real accountability of who is actually in the units can take place. This was unsettling to those owners in attendance.

***A detailed design of security monitoring and exterior lighting that would not disrupt the adjacent community was not presented.**

*Owners questioned the need for another storage facility as there is already 3 existing structures within .3 miles of the homes. Cube Smart has 3 % availability, Life Storage has 5% availability and Storage Experts has **87% availability**. We are concerned that our Northeast Scottsdale community would change from a lovely inviting area for families to grow to becoming a warehouse district of the city.

*Several owners on the community immediately adjunct to this development have medical issues including hospice care as well as sleep disorders. The impact of a facility opening **at 6 a.m. and closing at 10 p.m. is disruptive**. The concern was the disruption to the current **quality of life** in each case.

***There was concern for inviting potentially nefarious uses of the area around the structure when closed. How would the police be notified by the monitoring company that this was occurring since we were told by the representatives that no one would be physically watching monitors 24/7?**

*Owners felt the small parcel of land for development of this large structure would be better suited for construction of a project that would be in keeping with the priorities of the City's mission statement of 2022: to respect character and culture and foster well-being.

*Discussion also centered around the seemingly lack of concern for the current homeowners. It was suggested that the loading dock and office area be switched with **respect for the privacy of homeowners**. Also suggested was that the 9 parking spots along the back of homes be eliminated. It would also be recommended that the 6 parking spots designated for the office be brought in closer to the actual building and away from the residents' homes. We were told this was not possible due to Fire lanes. We questioned this as Mountainside Fitness must have access existing now.

*Concern was discussed by owners of the potential damage to their properties due to the extensive excavation required to dig a basement for this project. When this was raised, the zoning attorney said, **"Well, then you'll have to sue." We will be contacting our HOA attorney for direction with regard to this matter.**

None of the owners envisioned a proposed building to **disregard** the current quality of life owners' experience. Nor do we look forward to suing anyone.

We want to thank those who were in attendance at this meeting and appreciate the commitment of the City Council to maintain a high standard for those who build within our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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