Samantha Pintos

From: Allan <alland489@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Samantha Pintos

Subject: Proposed 31st ST Development

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1813 SE 31st Lane

C. Allan Davison

Ocala, FL 34471

Ms Samantha Pintos

Department of Growth Management

City of Ocala, FL 344471

September 8, 2023

Good Afternoon Ms Pintos,

I am writing in response to your letter of August 24th concerning the proposed SE 31st Street development, (Case PD23-45098). Thank you for the offer to respond. My wife, Marjorie, and I live across the street from the proposed development, on SE 31st Lane, and we have some concerns relevant to the proposed development. I'll list them below:

- What consideration is being given to the foreseeable and dramatic additional traffic counts for SE 31st Street and SE 24th Road? In recent years there have been numerous accidents at the intersection of SE 24th Road and SE 31st Street. The foreseeable increase in traffic will only exacerbate that problem as well as amplify the current problem associated with the wait times on the traffic lights for the SE 31st Street and SE 18th Avenue intersection.
- In the drawing the proposed curb cut for traffic entry onto SE 31st Street is opposite the Southpoint Subdivision entrance at SE 17th Court. That is an intersection that already has a moderate traffic count and a new traffic flow there would be even more problematic.
- The developer's drawing indicates a plan to clear the existing trees from the property and replace the mature trees with new plantings. This is not consistent with keeping our city green and beautiful.

- What is the foreseeable impact on area schools with the additional number of residents in this development? Will new school bus routes and stops be added?
- A significant concern pertains to the two proposed drainage retention areas. The development's retention area overflow provisions may not be sufficient. As an example, in heavy rainfall periods the Southpoint's retention area overflow exceeds the SE 31st Street storm water drainage capacity. This is evinced by the Southpoint's retention area not draining at a rate that precludes its runoff onto the surrounding Rosewoods Subdivision properties and its concomitant sinkhole occurrences in heavy rainfall periods.
- Will there be a sidewalk installed on the SE 24th Road side of the property? At present that street frontage has no curb and relies on a "ditch" for street runoff and coincidently that is poorly maintained.

I will attend the September 11th meeting and look forward to seeing you there. If desired, I may be contacted at 352-840-0367 or email to ALLAND489@aol.com.

Sincerely,

//s//

C. A. Davison

Divya Govindaraju

From: gmd

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 6:48 AM

To: Zoning

Subject: FW: Zoning change at SE 31st st and 24th rd

Categories: Divya

From: Doug Kasmer <dkasmer5@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 8:10 AM

To: gmd <gmd@ocalafl.org>

Subject: Zoning change at SE 31st st and 24th rd

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This request is from Doug and Diane Kasmer. We live in the Rosewood subdivision just south of the proposed apartment complex. Our vote would be against a community this size. Adding 500+ new cars to an already crowded intersection at SE18th ave and 31st st will be difficult for all that currently drive these roads. We certainly would not mind a home ownership community for all the old Ocala homeowners trying to downsize. Thank you for your consideration, Doug and Diane Kasmer

September 11, 2023

Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission City of Ocala 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, FL 34471

Reference Case PD23-45098.

To whom it may concern:

The impact of a 260 dwelling unit apartment complex will be a concern for the residents at SE 24th Road. The road is a short and narrow two lane with six Assisted Living Facilities and Elementary School which limit the traffic in the mornings and afternoon to one lane due to the school.

My understanding is that the main entrance and exit from the proposed apartment complex will be at SE 31st Street and a second exit at SE 24th road. In my opinion, half of the vehicles or more will be using the SE 24th Road as a short cut to get to downtown or north of Ocala. There will be no traffic lights on SE 31st Street Apartment complex exit, due to be too close to the intersection with SE 19th Avenue.

My concern is how much more traffic are we going to be adding to the existing one.

Sincerely,

Edgardo Lopez

1701 SE 24th Road # 1906

Ocala, FL 34471

Gabriela M. Solano

From:

Lauren < Lauren@jjdentistry.com>

Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 4:42 PM

To: Subject: Gabriela M. Solano

Fwd: 31st development

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Begin forwarded message:

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> Good afternoon

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> I live in South Point directly across from where this development is planned. The congestion that is already on 31st as it is an alternate route for 17th from Maricamp to SR 200 is incredible. There should be research on how many accidents have been reported at SE 31st and SE 18th Ave. I have lived here since 2011 and living on 31st has been a challenge as drivers consistent speed well over 15 mph over the speed limit. This creates for difficulty entering and exiting our community! Here are some photos and ironically one of these accidents happened today at 7:30 this morning. An apartment complex with over 200 homes would potentially add over 400 or more cars coming and going off of 31st directly across the street from our community that was developed here for over 20 years ago.





> Sincerely,

> Lauren Joyce

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Gabriela M. Solano

From:

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Sent:

Monday, September 11, 2023 10:16 AM

To:

Gabriela M. Solano; Zoning

Subject:

FW: SE Ocala -- 260-unit apt complex proposal

From: LuAnne Warren < luannewarren@gmail.com > Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 10:02 AM

To: gmd <gmd@ocalafl.gov>

Subject: SE Ocala -- 260-unit apt complex proposal

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To whom it concerns,

I am unable to make the meeting this evening, but did want to write concerning the proposed complex.

We live in Rosewoods and use SE 31st and Lake Weir Avenue almost every day. There are townhomes going in on SE 31st closer to Maricamp Road, currently under construction.

What accommodations are being made for infrastructure? The additional cars on 31st? Schools? What would be most useful would be something other than housing.

A restaurant that folks could walk to. A safe walkable or bike rideable way to get to a grocery store. Walkable communities are healthier communities. Sidewalks, bike trails. We need more of those. I am concerned that we build and build but don't pay attention to the needs of schools, transportation and congestion until after the fact.

Please make sure those bases are covered before approving another large housing project.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnne Warren 352-361-8876 <u>luannewarren@gmail.com</u>
 From:
 Samantha Pintos

 To:
 Endira Madraveren

 Subject:
 FW: Hearing PD23-49058

Date: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:47:38 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Thank you,

Samantha Tintos

Associate Planner
City of Ocala – Growth Management
201 SE 3rd Street (2nd Floor)
Ocala, Florida 34471
(352)629-8487



From: Ms. Marino <aamberr@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Samantha Pintos <spintos@ocalafl.gov>

Subject: Hearing PD23-49058

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Good Morning,

I respectfully oppose to the proposed Development request, as we already have unsafe traffic issues at the intersection of SE 31st and SE 24th Rd., and there is a blind curve that also affects driving.

I don't believe that SE 24th Rd can accommodate a large development fronting on it. I feel that the additional traffic generated would be unsafe and would impose a hardship on the residents, the Elementary School and the Senior living facilities, along with all the emergency vehicles continually responding to this location.

Thank you, Ms. Marino 1701 SE 24th Rd, 1902 Get Outlook for iOS

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To the Ocala City Commissioners: James Hilty, Sr. Ire Bethea, Sr. Jay Musleh Kristen Dreyer Barry Mansfield

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This is an objection to the Impact Development PD which will allow for the 260-unit apartment complex that is proposed for the corner of SE 24th Road and SE 31st Street in Ocala.

The impact this apartment complex will have to the area surrounding is not a positive one for Ocala. Our schools are already over crowded and it is unfathomable that you, as a representative of Ocala, would be in favor of adding to this situation. It may not be your area to govern the school districts and population but to add to the overcrowding of the schools should be one that weighs heavily on your decision.

Traffic accidents have been increasing at an alarming rate around Ocala. The addition of another apartment complex will only add more traffic to the roads and therefore, more accidents. This should also be a factor that weighs heavily in your decision. Many of the roads that will be utilized for the apartment traffic are two lane roads—SE 24th Street which has school traffic backed up twice a day and SE 19 Avenue are two of these roads which will be affected. Another item to note is the condition of the road from SE Maricamp Rd to SR 200 which is known as SE 31st St, SE 32nd St, and SW 42nd St constantly has small pot holes in need of repair. These potholes will only increase with added traffic and will impede traffic as the repairs are made.

There is already a 168-unit townhome development being built between Southeast 31st Street and Southeast 38th Street which will again add traffic congestion to the area. Ocala also has several other large apartment complexes being built which is putting Ocala on an urban plan to chaos.

According to the Growth Management Department, this apartment complex is consistent with following the objectives and policies of the City of Ocala Future Land Use Element which discourages urban sprawl and promotes a clustered urban development pattern. These are not the wishes of me and several other people who live in Ocala. I have submitted several petitions with the names of over 100 people who live here. We like Ocala without the urbanization. We like the small-town feel. We like to raise our families here. We do not want to live in urbanized cities such as Orlando and Atlanta.

A question for you is where do you want to live? Where do you live? Will you be impacted by the added traffic and crowded schools that allowing this and other apartment complexes to be built in the heart of Ocala will bring?

I submit my objection and request your common sense to determine the outcome of this project.

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Endira Madraveren

From: Aubrey Hale

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 8:13 AM

To: Endira Madraveren

Cc: Jeff Shrum

Subject: FW: Opposition to the Addition of Apartment Buildings on SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd.

Please attach to the CC items. Not sure if this is a duplicate or not.

Aubrey Hale

Director, Economic Development City of Ocala 201 SE 3rd Street Phone # (352) 629-8550 Cell # (352) 812-6038 Fax # (352) 629-8242



From: Robin Andrews < robin.andrews10@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 7:51 AM **To:** Aubrey Hale <ahale@ocalafl.gov>

Cc: Jay Musleh <jmusleh@ocalafl.org>; Kristen M. Dreyer <kdreyer@ocalafl.org>; Ire Bethea Sr. <ibethea@ocalafl.org>;

Barry Mansfield bmansfield@ocalafl.org; James Hilty Sr. <a href="mailto:single-singl

Subject: Opposition to the Addition of Apartment Buildings on SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd.

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Mr. Hale,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed addition of apartment buildings on the corner of SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd. in our community. I believe that this development would have a detrimental impact on our neighborhood and should not be approved for the following reasons:

1. Increased Traffic Congestion: The addition of apartment buildings will undoubtedly lead to a significant increase in traffic in the area. SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd. are already heavily congested during peak hours, and adding more residents to the vicinity would exacerbate the problem, potentially leading to safety concerns and reduced quality of life for current residents.

- 2. Strain on Local Infrastructure: Our community's infrastructure, including schools, parks, and utilities, may not be adequately prepared to accommodate the influx of new residents. This could result in overcrowded schools, overburdened parks, and strained public services, ultimately diminishing the quality of life for all residents.
- 3. Impact on Property Values: The construction of apartment buildings could potentially lower property values in the surrounding area. Homeowners have invested in our community with the expectation of maintaining or increasing property values over time. This development could undermine that investment.
- 4. Preservation of Green Space: The proposed development would likely require the removal of green spaces and trees in the area. It is essential to protect and preserve these natural elements, as they contribute to the aesthetic appeal and environmental health of our neighborhood.
- 5. Community Voice: I urge you to consider the concerns and objections of the residents who call this neighborhood home. Our voices should be heard and taken into account when making decisions that impact our community.

I respectfully request that you deny the proposal for apartment buildings on the corner of SE 31st St. and SE 24th Rd. and instead explore alternatives that align with the character and needs of our neighborhood. I have attached the signatures of some of my neighbors who also request you deny this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will make the decision that is in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

Robin Andrews

2304 SE 33rd PL

Ocala, FL 34471

Mr. Eric Smith

Growth Management Dept.

City of Ocala

201 S.E. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor

Ocala Florida 34471

Dear Mr. Smith:

It was a pleasure meeting with you Wednesday. Enclosed is a copy of my most important concerns about the s.E. 24th Road proposal that I will also present to the Planning and Zowing commission at towight be meeting.

Very truly yours, Due Markferdisig 2010 D.E. 33rd Otreet Ocala Florida 34471

Hand Delisered Sept. 11, 2023 Jo: Ocala Planning and Zoning Commission
Re: Southeast 24th Road

With all due respect you have a lovely proposal, however, there are very serious matters that need to be addressed.

TRAFFIC DANGERS

Southeast 31⁵ street four lane road speed limit is 45 MPH. East bound 31⁵ street rehicles turn left into your main entrance or two left onto 24th Road to your hear entrance. Both left turn lanes only accomodate three or four vehicles. This 12 EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

Vehicles exiting the main entrance on 315 Street and the rear entrance on 34th Road to 31st Street to travel east will have to crass four lanes of traffic. The result is HUGE BACKUPS AND LONG DELAYS.

The two lane 24th Road and two lane Jake Wevi arenue travel option has two schools with 20 MPH speed limits and buses and parents dropping off and picking up students. This, too, will have BACKUPS AND LONG DELAYS.

The 390 vehicles in your proposal DO NOT FIT THIS LOCATION. It is noted a traffic study has not been completed.

Where is or what is the school plan: How many students do you estimate will need public education; 50, 200 or 500? How many additional teachers, classrooms and buses will be needed? The cost to educate one student for one year in marion School District is \$10,705.00. How much of the Impact Fee hall pay this ENORMOUS EXPENSE? Where is the funding:

NON-CONFORMING

There are single family homes east of 19th aronue and south of 31 st atreet. all other apartment complexes are two story. your proposed three and four story buildings DO NOT CONFORM to the surroundings.

LABEL

The government labels this 24th Road area as "low intensity" at 3 to 18 units per acre. This proposal packs this 15 acre parcel of land with the maximum number of units possible - 260. You cannot squeeze another unit in the parcel.

In reality this proposal with three and four story buildings, 500 people and 390 vehicles is not "low intensity" - it is URBAN SPRAWL.

This 260 unit proposal would be a perfectly lovely addition to downtown Ocala. As you know, the downtown has four story apartment buildings, walkability, employment opportunities, restaurants, entertainment and public transportation—none of which lyist in this location. This proposal DOES NOT CONFORM to the ourrounding.

Thank you for your consideration, Que Markferding 2010 S.E. 33rd Street Ocala Fl 34471 Sept. 11, 2023
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Good morning,

I am writing you concerning CASE PD23-45098. My address is 3110 SE 17th Terrace, which is directly across from the proposed development. My wife and I are opposed to the development. The increase in traffic and congestion will lead to traffic safety concerns. It appears that one of the entrances/exits will share or be located directly across from South Point neighborhood. We are concerned for the increase in traffic and hazards that come with that congestion.

Again we would like to record our opposition to the rezoning and proposed development.

Respectfully,

Joseph C Joyce 3110 SE 17th Terrace Ocala, FL 34471