

Monday, November 12, 2012

Mr. David Baker, Chairman

Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group

Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Chairman Baker and Advisory Group members,

On behalf of Seminary Heights Condo Association, Shirley Forest community, and Seminary Park Association, this letter serves as a request for the BRAG to address our concerns regarding zoning of the proposed parallel road west of Beauregard running through the Duke Realty Property adjacent to our property lines, starting at Mark Center Drive to and beyond John Adams Elementary School.

Now that BRAG is addressing the general topic of Transportation, our communities would like to bring the zoning of this public road / bike path to the Group's attention for review and discussion, as it has a direct and negative impact on the daily life of our residents.

If the current proposed parallel public road and multi-purpose bike path is constructed west of Beauregard and along the property line of our communities, any semblance of peaceful living for our residents living along that property line would disappear from existence. As we understand it, due to the density of Duke Realty's proposed development and the location of their underground garages in what is now called Upland Park, this planned road and bike path would be constructed merely a few feet from residents' bedroom windows and back yards. Even if the road is constructed further away from our property lines with amendments, it is our belief that any new public road built west of Beauregard would have a similar negative impact. Residents are already experiencing disruptions from the increased noise on Beauregard, which is approximately 350 - 500 feet from our property lines and living spaces. The irreparable impact to those residents living on the property line would be intolerable noise levels, traffic noise day and night, lower air quality and increased pollution and dirt in their living spaces, and devaluation in property values.

Furthermore, this road is planned to cut in between the John Adams Elementary School playground and another BSAP open space designed for children's play and public use. This road placement creates a clear safety hazard for little ones who will be wanting to run across the street to get to the other open space area.

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Thank you for your time and that of the entire BRAG. We look forward to hearing from you re: your selected date for this to be on the BRAG's agenda. Rebecca Hierholzer is the contact person for the residential communities. You may contact her mobile at 703-678-5419 or via e-mail at [magicbeca@aol.com](mailto:magicbeca@aol.com) at any time.

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