



City of Prospect

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John E Evans
Mayor

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Dear Mr. Dock:

Re: Planning Commission Hearing on Veridian Project, 10500-10600 US Hwy 42

I am writing this in response to your invitation for comments on Case Number 19-CAT3-0014, the Veridian proposed apartment project.

My criticism of and opposition to this proposed project is based entirely on the project's location, for the following reasons.

1. It fronts on Highway U.S.42. This is a very heavily trafficked highway, due largely to the population explosion in Oldham County. The traffic flow on US42 at the Veridian location, seven years ago, was 16,412 cars and trucks per day, and the speed limit is 45 M.P.H. In my observation (my office fronts on the highway), most cars are going faster than that. The traffic going through Prospect on US42, in both directions, has increased significantly since then, due to the continuing move of people out of Jefferson County into Oldham County, and the continuing residential development in Oldham County. River Road, which connects with US42 just west of the proposed Veridian development, also brings heavy traffic from downtown during rush hour, such that it is backed up all the way to Captains Quarters. Any traffic generated from the Veridian will encounter this fast-moving traffic. Worse, many or most of cars exiting from the Veridian will likely head westbound towards the Prospect business area, requiring a left turn across the U.S.42 traffic. In the opinion of our police chief, this would be a very dangerous situation. Also in his opinion, there is no chance that a traffic light would be installed there. That is my opinion also, based on my futile attempts to get any additional traffic lights along US42, such as at the entrance/exit in and out of Bridgepointe.
2. There is no bus service at or anywhere near this location.
3. There are no sidewalks along U.S.42 at this location, or practically anywhere along US42. No one should walk along U.S.42. It is too dangerous.
4. There is nothing around this location except a few nearby single family homes – no stores of any kind, no schools, no churches, no doctors or dentists.
5. There effectively is no, or no adequate, police protection there. It is not in the City of Prospect and would not be served by the Prospect Police. The nearest Metro police station is many miles away, and is understaffed. Police response time would be very long.
6. Given the foregoing, why would anyone want to live there?
7. The adjacent properties appear to be either on the Register of Historic Places or eligible to be. This currently is being studied by the State and others.

Sincerely,

John E. Evans, Mayor