

Nina Ruiz

From: Len Kendall
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Nina Ruiz
Subject: FW: Letter from abutting neighbor

From: Karen Magistrelli [<mailto:magistrelli@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Len Kendall <LenKendall@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Re: Letter from abutting neighbor

Hello Len,

It is very thoughtful of you to send us a copy of the letter from Mrs. Vaeth.

The negative reaction surprised us, because Mr. Vaeth has come by several times to thank us for cleaning up our property. Tons of trash and abandoned cars and trucks defaced the property for over 40 years. This created a serious fire-hazard and quite an eyesore in the neighborhood. Mr. Vaeth was grateful for our hard work in hauling away vehicles, picking up by hand broken glass, mounds of rotting materials, etc. He knew that we removed literally tons of trash left by homeless vagrants, vandals and households of stuff abandoned decades ago.

Mr. Vaeth came a couple weeks ago to the cabin that is sitting within the setback. He thanked us again and complimented us on the work being done to restore the cabin.

However, his wife may not see it the same as her husband. If I may respond to her antagonism, I would like to point out how her comments are really more of a plus than a negative.

Mrs Vaeth states, "We have ordinances and requirements for a reason...The Magistrellis should adhere to the same standards" This is exactly what we are doing. We have gone through an extensive and expensive process to vacate old roads on the property, as required by the "ordinances" to which she refers. Then we merged properties. We are restoring the cabin under county building code standards. We are adhering to county requirements, as we seek a hardship setback variance and a special use permit. Then there is the hard work of developing a county-approved site plan. We are going to great effort to "adhere to the...standards."

Most significant to our case is the fact that this letter is where Mrs. Vaeth, would logically express personal impact issues, if she saw any. She has put effort into stating her opposition. It would be in line with her resistance to add a list of ways that our setback variance or our cabins for short-term rental would negatively impact her. I consider it as unintended support that Mrs. Vaeth has listed no personal concerns. She wants to admonish us about ordinances, which we are clearly following, but she apparently doesn't consider our land use goals as harming her or her property. Our lack of impact is important to note.

I do want to add, that I believe that Mrs. Vaeth's silence on any personal impact is appropriate as our land use does not harm our neighbors. Our cabin density and residential occupancy are close to what was originally planned.

Thank you for considering my response to Mrs. Vaeth's opposition.

Karen Magistrelli

From: Len Kendall <LenKendall@elpasoco.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 7:40 AM

To: 'magistrelli@msn.com'

Subject: Letter from abutting neighbor

Hi Karen,

We received this letter in the mail yesterday. This is the first one we have received, if we receive any others we will notify you.

Best,

Len Kendall

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