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RE: Northeast Gateway Project

Commissioner:

At your May meeting, discussion focused on the design, increased costs, and accessibility associated with the development of the NE Park. Reasonable questions were raised and ultimately approval was delayed, pending alternative design plans.

At the May meeting, representatives from the Killearn Homes Association (KHA) focused their remarks on the issue of critical concern to us. This concern was the plan to develop the Farm Road as a public road connecting Centerville Road to the future Welaunee Boulevard. This of course would encourage additional dangerous traffic into the Killearn Estates community. We thank you for recognizing our concerns for increasing traffic and removing consideration for that public road.

Killearn Estates is the ONLY neighborhood that borders any boundary of the proposed park. In fact, we border the entire western boundary of the park (please do not confuse Killearn Estates (KHA) with Killearn Lakes, that is located approximately 7 miles from the closest border of the park). Despite our immediate proximity to the proposed park, we (KHA) were never directly consulted or involved in the design of this park prior to the May meeting. Had we been, I am confident we would have advocated for a more "family oriented" facility at a more reasonable budget, that invited far less transient traffic into the already crowded streets of Killearn Estates.

We are concerned that BP staff have offered no options for access to the Park in these recent design alternatives. It appears that they would have you believe that a new public road connecting Centerville Road to the future Welaunee Boulevard is the only "reasonable" solution for access to the park. Consideration of this public road would require you to reverse your decision at the May meeting. We contend that there are several other options for access that would not expose Killearn Estates to the same volume of traffic.

With respect, KHA must again emphasize our absolute opposition for the Farm Road access plan proposed by BP staff. Our residents would be subjected to unwarranted traffic on our most dangerous and congested roadway. We would, in that case, be forced into organized opposition that may well include legal action bringing into question any existing roadway plans.

Respectfully yours,

Steven R. Givens, President
On behalf of the Board of Directors for
Killearn Homes Association