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Greetings MAC Members,

Please see the below public comment received for the 2.8.23 meeting, on items not on the agenda.

Best,

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EXTERNAL

Hi Hannah,

I know this will not be on the 2-8 meeting, as there is the big Hanna project presentation. But, I will be attending the MAC meeting to speak during general comments and also to hear the presentation. But, I would like to forward this information and input to the MAC, so that they have it for future reference.

Thank you and Sincerely,

Josette Brose-Eichar

Dear Springs MAC members,

I have been in conversation with Suzanne Shonbrun. I believe many of you know and have worked with her. She filled me in on the history of the previous plans for the Springs corridor and a plaza.

While this is all very old information, some from as early as 1994, there are a lot of good ideas and observations in the documentation she gave me to read. Of course there are no longer state redevelopment funds, our demographics have changed, many businesses and buildings that existed then are no longer here in the Springs. But, one thing that stood out to me about past plans and ideas was that it was not really so much about commercial development, as it was about creating an environment for Springs residents. There was more of a focus on the arts and diversity, with the Springs being a unique community. Here are links to 2 documents that you may be interested in reading.

https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Ektron%20Documents/assets/Sonoma/Sample%20Dept/Department%20Information/Services/Successor%20Agency/_Documents/springs_svstrategicplan.pdf

https://permitsonoma.org/Microsites/Permit%20Sonoma/Documents/Pre-2022/Planning/_Documents/springs_hwy_12_ladg.pdf

Right now, I am working with Wake Up Sonoma, to promote and encourage going forward with getting a Springs Plaza or gathering place long before the Springs Specific Plan is readdressed. In reality I think this should be independent of the Springs Specific Plan. As we know the Donald Street residents have already appealed to the Sonoma County Grand Jury to address the fact they were not properly informed of the Spring Specific Plan. In reality, even if they receive information this time around in a timely manner, they will most likely sue the county, as they do not feel they are part of the Springs. This will bog down progress on the Springs Specific Plan. So why tie up getting ideas from the community and working on going forward with a Springs gathering place?

Sometimes people think I am just against something, when in reality I am for something. I have some things I am working on in the way of community outreach and I will share them with you very soon. I know the Plaza is not on the 2-8 meeting, but I hope you will add discussion of the Springs Plaza or meeting place to the next agenda, and working toward a community meeting.

Thank you and Sincerely,

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