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Subject: FW: News Report Great Falls in relation to Hillview Crossing...
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 4:04:57 PM
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Alicia,
Please post the public comment below to the SIRE record for Hillview Crossing.
Thanks,
Mary

From: Teresa C Jacobs <tcjmontana@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>; John DiBari <JDibari@ci.missoula.mt.us>
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Please see attached pdf of news report in March 28th, 2019 edition of the Great Falls Tribune.

And here is the link:

<https://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/2019/03/28/flooding-frustrates-residents-who-say-snowmelt-isnt-only-problem/3304983002/>

My synopsis:

To: Missoula City Council Members From: Teresa Jacobs, Missoula citizen April 3, 2019

This March 28, 2019 news article in the Great Falls Tribune seems to pertain to your review of the Hillview Crossing Conditional Use Request before you. Here is a brief synopsis:

Only a week ago, a rapid rise of water in a low lying area of Great Falls left a dozen homes in surrounded by water. Residents say the water is more than they've ever had to contend with, and that it's not from regular, snow melt. One gentleman whose 25 acre property has become a wetland in a matter of 1-2 days reports that the flooding is due to a broken stormwater pipe that is dumping water from a private subdivision built above his home. He said the pipe was damaged in February by a car. He's frustrated that nobody is taking responsibility for fixing it. He has tried to plug it himself with a basketball and some cement. The pipe is not the responsibility of the city's public work department; they can't even confirm or deny that the pipe is broken. The county is also not responsible for the pipe. The Great Falls health department and the Montana DEQ has been asked to intervene.

The news article does not even mention a homeowner's association in relation to the private subdivision, and what that association might be doing - or not doing - to investigate whether one of their stormwater pipes is broken below them and flooding their neighbors.

Does this not demonstrate some of the risks and concerns inherent in the proposed Hillview Crossing, that has inspired Wapikiya residents to attend these meetings and provide input? There is wisdom in erring on the side of caution in regards to unforeseeable circumstances - whether its unpredictable weather, an earthquake, or something else - like a human-caused crisis. I appreciate your transparency as you engage in critical analysis of all five of the criteria in relation to the Conditional Use Request. Please keep this news story in mind as you work to ensure the safety of people and their property, and to address many other workability issues that will effect all city residents. Thanks.

Teresa Jacobs, Missoula resident