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Hello Mr. DeGrandpre and Ms. Tripard,

I'm a *bit* late to this game; for that I am sorry. I tried to post on the **Engage Missoula** website but got the message "Request Failed with Status Code 502," so decided to email you both directly. I also attended/spoke at the last City Council meeting on 6 JUNE 2022. I own a condo in The Cottonwoods. I'm quite agreeable with Missoula growing and building new housing but admit to finding the Grant Creek Village development a bit sad. Have you actually walked around this development?

Last fall I had the experience of spending 2 months in Kenosha, WI choosing an apartment/hotel for the stay. I was so impressed; from this place I could walk to shopping, restaurants, services. There was a memory center nearby, townhouses, apartments, a childcare center, several medical offices (dentists, mental health), All near several big roads and a hospital. Grass and space between buildings; even a few small man-made lakes on which flocks of geese made morning rest stops. Dare I say a village? The only thing missing was a baker, a candlestick maker and a cemetery. Anyway, please, please, please, support Missoula to grow with community in mind. Variety. Options to own. Green spaces for people, both elderly and youngsters, and pets. Missoula can do as well as Kenosha, I know it!

This is my recent posting on the App-NEXTDOOR. It hopefully solidifies my position.

>>The 3-story apartment units built behind the Elk Foundation property--Grant Creek "Village"--are NOT affordable housing: 1BR, 1BA= \$1,500+ month. They are rentals, pure and simple, w/o an option to buy. If you enjoy giving away your hard earned cash to a developer/management company every month, they will gleefully take it and give you NOTHING back that speaks to any investment in your future. Do they house people? YES. Are they new? YES. Welcome to your new, soul-less place. No access to public transit, no shopping within walking distance, such as a grocery store. Also, enjoy the sounds of freeway traffic! Not exactly a vill-age, but a cluster-age. A village actually has variety. This builder/developer bears little concern for creating any real Missoula community. Ken Ault's vision is not for Missoula but for Ken Ault. I suppose he has some buddies on the City Council.<<

Thank you,
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