

Saturday May 4, 2019

Good Evening Lake Elmo Planning Commission,

My family and I have lived in the Savona Neighborhood for a year now. I've seen the videos of past Council meetings of my neighbors fighting to stop Continental from building apartments along this entire stretch of 5th St. & Hudson Road. Here are a few key points from what I brought to the discussion at the February meeting where I spoke up.

If these are going to truly be marketed as "high end" apartments, then the standard for the inside, outside, and surrounding landscapes should be required to look "high end".

A few key points that the Planning Commission and City should request Continental revise in their plan before making a firm consideration:

1. **No Chain Link Fences** - We as a Savona Neighborhood are required to have aluminum fences - Please keep a higher standard for design. Require that Continental have a 6 to 8 foot metal/split rail fence. This will keep the area looking aesthetically pleasing and hold a higher standard for design on future apartments that want to build in Lake Elmo
  - a. From their plans they have "decorative fencing" in certain areas
  - b. The entire property should be surrounded by 6 to 8 foot metal fencing
  - c. Nicer townhomes will be built behind these apartments, I bet those residents would appreciate nicer fencing when they have to look out at these apartments
2. **Green Space** - why is there no designated green space for kids and families? For this large of a complex, there should be a section for people and not just pets.
3. **Have an emergency exit for residents** - I know in the February meeting there was yet to be a decision on a 2nd exit for residents. Has this been determined and figured out?

Please hold Continental to a higher standard as Lake Elmo's first apartment complex.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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