

SPEED MESSAGE

TO Mayor

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SUBJECT Item on June 14, 1999
Comm agenda - Wants
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Emmu Development/Rory Casseaux
Neighborhood Opposed
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which I am president, regarding questions we have concerning procedure at the June 14 City Commission meeting. A land use change petition will be coming before the commission at this meeting that is of great interest and concern to our neighborhood. Last November our neighborhood formed a subcommittee to work along with our executive committee on a development proposal for property adjacent to our neighborhood. The neighborhood opposes the current proposal that comes before you on June 14 and has prepared a presentation of our position on this matter. I assure you we have solid support for this position within our neighborhood as will be evident by the number of our residents who will turn out for the June 14 meeting. We would like to understand the procedure that will be allowed at the June 14 meeting so we can come as prepared as possible.

I am requesting that the neighborhood association be permitted to publicly present its position on this petition before the commission. We feel the quickest and easiest way to do this would be to have a few residents deliver this presentation at the beginning of the public comment period. I write to ask you what arrangements can be made to accomodate this. We can line up as many residents as are needed to deliver the presentation; but also recognize that the fewer the speakers the shorter the delivery time. We would like to shorten this as much as possible. Our median age will be far older than the commission's and so we are as concerned about our bedtimes as the commission is of its!

- ① Legislative (not)
- ② Staff/petitioner/Publ
- ③ Usually 3 minutes
- ④ No transfer time
- ⑤ Usually follow in random order

If the neighborhood can present its prepared presentation, we will be able to reduce the number of residents who will speak individually. At the plan board meeting, Brad Guy accepted an ordered list of speakers from me and allowed them to speak near the beginning of the public comment time. Many of the residents who had submitted a card to speak then passed when their turn came because the association's presentation had been able to address their concerns. Many had submitted speaking cards only to insure that the neighborhood position had adequate time to be fully delivered.

The neighborhood's presentation is made up of 10 addressed issues which range from 2:20 minutes to 4:50 minutes of speaking time (approx 25 minutes total). We are prepared to provide as many speakers as needed to present our position. Knowing the allotted speaking time(s) that will be permitted to deliver our presentation will help us better plan this.

We desire to know whether individuals can assign their speaking time to another. The City Attorney tells us this is allowed at the discretion of the chair. We are considering this only as a contingency in case adequate speaking time and predetermined speaking order will not be permitted in order to present the neighborhood presentation.

In summary, if the neighborhood association presentation cannot be accomodated, we will need to know the allowed amount of individual speaking time, whether an ordered list of speakers can be submitted, and whether individuals can assign their speaking minutes to another individual.

I will be unable to attend the June 14 meeting. Jon and Julia Reiskind will be coordinating the neighborhood effort at this meeting in my absence. Therefore, I've copied them on this request. Please address any replies regarding this to them as well. Call me, 372-7975, if you'd like to discuss this further - I'll also be happy to meet with you if desired. We've called a neighborhood meeting this Thursday evening to coordinate our neighborhood effort and presence at the June 14 meeting. I'd like to have the details of the procedure worked out before then if possible.

318-8290

Thank you for your attention to this request,

Susan Wright
President, Sugarfoot Community Improvement Association