

Item 3 - Correspondence

From: [Susan Owens](#)
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: Linthicum West Written Testimony
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:32:13 AM

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Good Morning,

Attached please find my written testimony for the March 3, 2022 Planning Board hearing regarding the Linthicum West property (Site Plan Number 820210010).

Thank you,
Susan Owens



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Chair Casey Anderson
Montgomery County Planning Board
2425 Reddie Drive
Wheaton, MD 20902
RE: Linthicum West

March 2, 2022

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Linthicum West development must not move forward until the necessary infrastructure exists to support it.

I live at 21104 Chrisman Hill Court in Boyds, MD, in the neighborhood adjacent to this proposed development. My children attend Clarksburg Elementary School. As of the writing of this testimony, the school is at 250% utilization, with 15 portable classrooms and a portable bathroom for the children in grades 4-6, housed outside the school, to use. There are 800 students in a space built for just over 300.

MCPS is offering a liberal Change of School Assignment (COSA) policy for students from this school to transfer to William B. Gibbs Elementary School in Germantown to try to relieve the overcrowding. However, there will not be a real difference until Clarksburg Elementary #9 opens in the Cabin Branch community, and this will not happen before August of 2023.

MCPS projections for the 2022-23 school year estimate that there will be 875 students at Clarksburg Elementary (280% utilization). They will be providing four additional portable classrooms, but the toll on the students, staff, and administration is enormous.

The teacher's lounge is the music room, the windowless computer lab is a third grade classroom, and the cafeteria, built for 300 students, won't be able to accommodate even one grade at a time, forcing students to eat in their classrooms next year.

The houses at Linthicum West must be delayed until the school can support the families that will want to make their homes here.

Thank you for all the work that you do to make this county a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,

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I have only just heard about the Planning Board meeting tomorrow. I have been getting notifications sent to my home about activities in the Clarksburg Planning Area for a number of years, but have had NONE about Linthicum West.

If I had received the notices I would have publicized them to the community, who would have then had the opportunity to comment.

The property is at the edge of the planning area and not many people pass that way. Schools are a major concern, and many parents need to know when plans like this are being considered, Please tell me who is on your notifications list.

Has the applicant has a community meeting about this? If so, who attended.

Thank you

Kathie Hulley

VP, Clarksburg Civic Association

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