

Andy Reitelbach

From: Taptoteach <taptoteach@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Andy Reitelbach
Subject: ZMA2020-0013 Pantops Overlook Hotel

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I urge the Planning Commission to reject the rezoning request and reject the building of this hotel. There is too much traffic on Pantops as it is, we don't need a hotel adding to it!

Thank you

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From: Taptoteach <taptoteach@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 5:53 PM
To: Andy Reitelbach
Subject: Re: ZMA2020-0013 Pantops Overlook Hotel

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Hi Andy,

Thanks so much for replying. I would like my name and email added to the contact list. It will be a way for me to keep an eye on this project.

Before The Point Church was built, my husband attended a Planning Commission meeting about approving the proposed addition to the church. It apparently was a done deal and approved without any community input. Now the residents of Carriage Hill have to look at that looming building. I don't want this to happen again! As I stated before, Pantops doesn't need another hotel and increased traffic to cause more accidents on Rt 250.

By the way, when the WAWA was approved, did the the Planning Commission take into consideration the fact that there will be people trying to turn left to get on Rt 250 east? I know that there is an entrance and exit on Stoney Point Rd but you know as well as I, people are going to attempt to turn left unless there is a median there to prevent it.

I've lived in Albemarle County for 35 years and have seen a lot of developing in those years. Makes a person wonder if the county won't be satisfied until every inch of green space is developed. Maybe a trip to Short Pump to see the traffice caused by that area is in order.

Thanks for your attention,
Stephanie Hess

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Reitelbach <mreitelbach@albemarle.org>
To: Taptoteach <taptoteach@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 2:57 pm
Subject: RE: ZMA2020-0013 Pantops Overlook Hotel

Good afternoon Ms. Hess,

I just wanted to confirm that I received your email below regarding the application that was submitted to the County for a rezoning for the proposed Pantops Overlook Hotel.

If you'd like, I'd be happy to add your name and email to a contact list in order to keep you updated as this application proceeds through the review process, including when it is scheduled for public hearings with the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

As a reminder, a virtual community meeting for this application will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 25th, at 6:15pm. The applicant will be in attendance to present the details of the project and answer questions about it. Members of County staff will also be in attendance to answer questions about the review process.

Have a nice weekend,

Andy

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