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To the Planning Commission,

TREE CUTTING & CLEARING

At the last meeting regarding the Park Place Annexation of 92 acres, it was stated that there should be no tree cutting during the annexation process. I'm here to tell you that the clearing began last summer. All day long from early morning through the evening we heard the chain saws and the grinders eating up the leftover branches. Several people called the county, the city and other locations asking if this was legal. The neighborhood felt that the developers were trying to cut down all the trees before the Planning Commission or the City Commission could see the trees. No one seemed to care or help, implying that it was private land. Our thought was private land or not, they should not be cutting down all the trees prior to presenting to either Commission.

I finally called Rick Givens and requested that he ask for a halt of the indiscriminate tree cutting before they reached down all the way to the pinch point. Mr. Givens walked the forest with me and agreed to contact the land owner. Things got quiet for a few days and then the chain saws started up again. I was requesting that some of the older, bigger trees behind some of our homes in Trailview be left standing to create a small pocket park near the Pinch Point road for the Holly Lane Extension. **It was Kent Ziegler who had walked this area with me years ago, and had come up with the idea of small pocket park directly behind the two homes impacted by the new road to absorb some of the noise and the headlights.**

Here are some photos as proof of the clear cutting that has already begun to create a road outline:

Photo#1



Photo#2





Photo#4

