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Kent:

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me these past few weeks. Attached are some of our concerns that we would like to be part of the official record for the meeting on Monday. Would also appreciate confirmation that all of the parties involved have received a copy and read same prior to the meeting.

Again many thanks for your attention and kindness.

Karen B. Bernstein

Thank you for taking the time to consider our both immediate and potentially worsening traffic dilemma with the proposed development at NE 8th and 167th street. Our two objections to what otherwise could be a boon to the neighborhood and North Miami Beach. They are problems that should be quickly and inexpensively solved (hopefully) and must be addressed, even as a separate issue, whether the project goes forward or not.

The main problem is the traffic load and speeders on 168th street, and the second might be heavy delivery trucks supplying the site both for construction and delivery.

As a resident of 168th street, west just west of 8th Avenue for over 40 years, we have complained on numerous occasions about the dangerous traffic issue on 168th between NE 8th and NE 6th Court leading to NE 6th Avenue. Many drivers use this street as a shortcut to bypass the traffic at 6th and 167th.

Unfortunately, it has become a constant issue rather than just during typical rush hours. It is dangerous because of the number of vehicles on a residential street and because that 2-block stretch is straight and long, encouraging high speeds like a drag strip. We have had numerous dead animals from speeders, near personal misses when working out on the berm; even mowing and exiting our driveway is always risky.

For over a decade, we have tried, to no avail, to get speed deterrence, and, other than the occasional SLOWDOWN radar trailer or speed trap, we have been unsuccessful. Before Hurricane Wilma (yes, that long ago), the city planted Yellow Tabebuia trees along the street with the idea that

they would slow people down. It did not.

We have been told that adding speed bumps was forbidden by the County as it would slow emergency vehicles.

The other shortcut danger area NE 8th Avenue between 168th and NE 6th had two large speed bumps installed in the past year, which has made a HUGE difference. Suppose the same is done on the stretch of 168th between 8th and the curve where it becomes NE 6th Court. In that case, much of the current problem could be alleviated, and our city could be proactive – discouraging nonresident speeders at minimal expense. With no additional “Studies” needed. Controlling this traffic would bring increased safety and security to residents of that 2-block stretch.

The situation needs to be addressed now, and it is our MAIN objection to the project since we can only see it worsening an already dangerous condition. Our examination of the traffic studies and intersection timing data on the proposal addresses NE 168th Street.

In conclusion, we ask the Board to PLEASE explore and remediate a long-standing hazardous issue that can only become MUCH Worse as this project moves forward both during construction and afterward.

If necessary, we can get a petition and signatures of most residents, but that should not be needed to gain our safety.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of our city.

Respectfully,

Dr. Larry and Karen Bernstein

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