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To: Community Development

From: Lieutenant Christine Amendola

Date: December 11, 2018

Re: Eaton/ Lakeview Development

Dear Andrew,

The police department has conducted a thorough review of the Eaton/Lakeview site plan. One recommendation for added traffic safety it to add STOP signs; one at the exit of the Eaton Street complex exiting onto Lakeview Ave and another at the exit of the Lakeview Ave, closest to the Lakeview Apartments.

A major concern for the police department is the intersection of Lakeview Ave and Walkers Brook Drive. We concur with the peer review from Green International that “adding traffic entering and exiting Lakeview Ave at Walkers Brook Drive is expected to contribute to the future deterioration in traffic safety and operations at this location”. We would like to see the Applicant further evaluate mitigation measures to improve safety. We would agree with Green International that one of the mitigation measures would be to signalize the Lakeview approach and include this approach into the intersection of Walkers Brook Drive/ General Way intersection. We would not agree that Green’s other two mitigation suggestions would work well at this location. Restricting a left turn from Lakeview will just cause further traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods. Also the third recommendation of realigning Lakeview Ave with John Street, that already has a low grade on wait times would further increase wait times for motor vehicles turning left. It should also be noted that John Street years ago did continue towards Lakeview Ave, before the build-up in the area. It was closed off years ago due to safety reasons and a fatal pedestrian accident. However, if a different designed was proposed it would need to be evaluated.

Respectfully,

Lt. Christine Amendola