

From: Carol Ann Pala <donotreply@wordpress.com> Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 9:40 AM To: "twest" Subject: Fishers Cove Comment

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Message: Dear Mayor & Council Members,

As a real estate agent, it may seem as though I should be in agreement with as much real estate development as possible, right? Not the case, as I am for community, for small, responsible development, for maintaining Lewes as the treasure we all know it to be; however, the pressure of people wanting to be part of our community is overwhelming.

So, let's not throw the baby out with the bath water. Many are upset about New Road developments and struggle to separate high density development that has little relationship to the land from small, respectful development, one complementing the neighborhood and community. Fishers Cove, as thoughtfully planned, provides an answer.

Let's proactively adopt rules that would prohibit the kind of development that reflects little relationship to the land and community, and let's approve what represents respectful treatment of the land, a small, well-planned development which encourages good neighbors and community citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Ann Pala Lewes

Time: January 14

From: Peter McLean <donotreply@wordpress.com> Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:56 AM To: "twest" Subject: Fishers Cove Comment

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Message: As an ecologist and teacher and citizen of Lewes, I ask that you consider the following, an editorial which appeared in The Cape Gazette in early September.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter McLean

Keep an open mind on Lewes development Peter K. McLean September 6, 2019 As we consider community issues, I hope we can continue to keep an open mind, listen well to one another, and follow the science (the truth). Let's keep in mind that we're all related, that we all share this world, and it's incumbent upon each one of us to take care of it.

In terms of the proposed Fishers Cove project, it seems we have property owners who are willing to follow the science, to listen to others, to do the best for the community while accommodating those interested in becoming citizens of our good community. Water (flooding) concerns are central, and from what I've read and heard, the owners are listening and responding to the latest as to how best to handle too much water (e.g. channeling it to the canal). The owners seem to appreciate the natural and human history of the area; they have proposed significantly fewer lots than allowed (away from the lower parts of the property, the productive marsh); they are open to ways to accommodate concerns about flooding

(including working with neighbors who already are dealing with periodic flooding); and they have ensured the protection of the historic Fisher home.

As my AP Environmental Science students and I discuss from reading John McPhee's classic Encounters with the Archdruid, in an ideal world, it seems best for water and wildlife, to keep things in a natural state (e.g. forested); next best is to have a thoughtful developer (e.g., Charles Fraser, the original developer of Hilton Head where stop signs are green, where trees are conserved, where home color and style complement the natural surroundings, and where troublesome alligators are relocated rather than being destroyed) who appreciates nature and its importance to community, both human and natural.

Let's be sure, with our love of Lewes, of community, that we well consider proposals that reflect more interest in community than anything else.

Peter K. McLean, Ph.D. Life science teacher, St. Andrew's School Lewes

From: Daniel Zachem <dzachem@comcast.net> Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 4:30 PM To: atownshend@ci.lewes.de.us Subject: Fisher's Cover

Ms. Townshend: Good afternoon. Forgive me if I am filling up your inbox inappropriately, but it is my understanding that the public comment period for the proposed Fisher's Cove development has been extended and that comments and concerns might properly be expressed to you directly. My wife Kathy and I have a home located at 630 Pilottown Road. We are thrilled that 2020 will be the year that our move to Lewes will become year round and permanent. We love our community and we cannot wait to call Lewes home year-round. I have followed with great interest the proposed Fisher's Cove development. I stand in firm agreement with our friends and neighbors on Rodney Avenue that the record evidence has established that this proposed development will be detrimental to the fragile ecosystem that literally comprises our back yards. The record evidence has established as well the unfortunate reality that this development, if approved, will result in additional flooding and thus pose an even greater threat than already exists to the existing homes in our neighborhood. Climate change is real. Sea level rise is real. Standards utilized in the past to properly assess the risk of sea-side development must give way to the new realities and challenges that sea coast towns such as ours must face now and in the future. The data is incontrovertible that this proposed development is not a valued addition to our community, it represents over-development of a fragile ecosystem that deserves protection. I write separately, however, on an additional issue of concern. Should the town choose to approve the application—a grievous error that will be a source of regret for generations-- I depart from my Rodney Avenue neighbors on the issue of access to the planned subdivision. Simply put, the Fisher House must be preserved and maintained for future generations. Understanding that its current legal status on the National Register of Historic Places provides the home with minimal legal protections, this reality requires community leaders to step up and do not just what the law might require, but to do what is right. The law might permit the developer to raze this beautiful piece of history and city leaders such as yourself might literally pave the way for its destruction. This is where strength of character and commitment to community values and a shared appreciation for our heritage will determine the character of the community in which we live. My wife and I have the good fortune of appreciating this classic piece of Lewes history every day. We chat with the numerous bikers, trekkers and visitors to our community who stop to appreciate the beauty of this stately home. We have a shared responsibility to maintain these significant reminders of our history. If you folks decide to approve this application, which I submit to you is a mistake, do not put the developer in the position of incorporating the Fisher House into its planned subdivision by insisting that vehicular access be from Pilottown Road and through the Fisher House property. If city leaders such as yourself truly believe that Lewes values its history, lineage, and the beauty and character of our community, you will do everything you can to protect treasures such as this home. Otherwise, we are simply Rehoboth, Dewey or Ocean City. Just another overrun seaside community that has lost its way.

Respectfully, Dan Zachem 630 Pilottown Road