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Several months ago I provided input prior to the Council's decision to move forward with the Remington Flats subdivision. My comments included several questions regarding the project. I feel my questions were valid, especially because they contrasted the philosophies guiding the Remington Flats construction and the Mullan Build project. I asked about building density (152 homes on 20 acres in Remington Flats) and whether any other 20 acre plot of ground in Missoula is so densely developed. I also requested the Council's rationale in allowing the developers of Remington to avoid the requirement of providing at least the required 1.25 acres of greenspace/playground. Finally, I questioned whether these new homes were truly examples of affordable housing. (The developers themselves told me they would probably be asking north of $350,000, and that's a pipe dream for the people who really need affordable housing.) I heard nothing in response from the Council. (I did call some members and want to thank Jordan and Gwen for taking the time to listen to me, but have to say I am disappointed to have heard nothing from the Council itself.

Absent any official explanations to my questions, I can only assume the answers lie in uncomfortable territory for you. Today, the earthmovers arrived and have begun scraping ground that in all probability has never, in all of human history, borne permanent buildings. It seems sad that this crowded, sterile, and expensive subdivision is the best we can do with the one chance we're going to get to build in this beautiful place.

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