

To Public Hearing	
Date:	Sept 19, 2005
Item #	1
Re:	Single Family Lot
	Size Policy 5442

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Re: Single Family Lot Size Policy 5442 East Side of Gilbert Road

Dear Council Members

I own property in the 8200 block of Gilbert Road.

I have just recently been informed by my neighbor concerning tonight's public hearing. I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend on such short notice.

It is my understanding that this amendment is based on public consultation.

I would like to let it be known that I was never consulted. After talking with a few of my neighbors they informed me that they were never consulted either.

I was however invited to an open-house concerning the properties concerning the properties across the street. But I didn't feel that my property would be affected by the development. So I didn't attend. After speaking with my neighbor I don't think my attending would have made any difference. To my knowledge the meeting was poorly organized and confusing at best. Even after attending my neighbor still believed it was held to discuss the development across the street, not our neighborhood. At no time was the east side of Gilbert even brought up.

How dare the city tell me, a tax payer, and a voter, what can and can't be done with my property. At the very least consult with me and my neighbors. There has been no consultation regarding the east side of Gilbert Road. Why is the city trying to slide this through without talking with the property owners that would be affected by this amendment. What happened to democracy. Yes have a public hearing, but make sure that the public is properly informed, and invited.

What bothers me the most is the fact that this amendment is not consistent with the neighborhood. Did the city in their infinite wisdom realize that eventually there will be townhouses at the SE corner of Blundell and Gilbert, as well as an existing Montessori School and Salvation Army building on the east side of Gilbert. Do these uses reflect R1E single family housing?

I hope the council will do the right thing and turn down this application.

Regards, 