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Crozet Community Advisory Council

I am writing to weigh in on the vote, in case there is a vote tonight on the subject of Barnes Lumber Yard. If Frank Stoner has put into writing what he presented to us at our last special meeting, I place my vote in favor of supporting his proposal.

I have been talking to many members of the Crozet Community and I believe the majority of folks are in favor of the type of development that Milestone is proposing.

My areas of concern are:

In light of the fact that VDOT may not approve of his European plaza, and one of the slices of the pie that make up that plan are not part of his purchase at this time, I believe Milestone should provide an alternative plan to be used in case the original plan is not accepted. I am concerned that we will end up with broken pieces of public gathering spots instead of a public "green" which is what I had envisioned all along.

I also believe that #7 area should be designated as commercial or at the very least mixed use as opposed to strictly residential.

Outside of those concerns this plan could work well for the people of Crozet. I believe getting behind it might get the ball rolling on a project that will be realized over many years time and the time has come to start to build our downtown. Once we start to move in the direction of building our downtown, we can start to seriously advocate for the businesses that we want to see go in there. We can start to really have hand in developing that piece of land as a community.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Burns
