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Mr. Waldon-

There have been a few unresolved development issues in Parkside II which some residents are curious about and which I think the town may want to see resolved by the developer prior to annexation...or else they are going to become inherited by the town. These items might be addressed in the Service Report, but I've not been able to pull up the pdf document on the internet...so please forgive me if these are items which have already been addressed.

#### 1. street lights

We have the wiring in place for street lights, but no lights. We've had several different timetables given to us by M/I homes over the last year for the installation of lights. This morning, I spoke with M/I again and they said it was up to the individual homeowners to contact Duke Power about having street lights installed. I then contacted Duke Power who said that they would be happy to install the lights, but we (the residents or association) would have to pay for the installations. The Duke Power rep suggested that since we are going to be annexed, we wait until after July 1 and then petition the town...whereby the installation of lights would be at the town's expense not the association. This line of reasoning doesn't sound correct to me. My personal opinion is that street lights should be a developer responsibility and expense. I don't see where the residents of Parkside should have to stay on top of this or pay for the expense if this was a requirement of the original development proposal.

Perhaps you can shed some light on this (forgive the pun).

#### 2. public access to Homestead Park.

A public access to Homestead Park from Christine Court was originally planned. I know in the public hearing for the development back in June 2000, there was discussion about the access. It seemed clear that the town council wanted residents to have access to the park and that the parkside homeowners association would be responsible for creating and maintaining that access. The current access is a footpath the neighborhood kids have worn thru the woods behind the batting cages. Is this what the development plan calls for? I had assumed this would have been a bit more formally cleared and maintained access...so the children could ride their bikes over, but the builder says there are no plans to do anything further to this area.

Also, where the footpath comes out behind the batting cages, the town has planted a row of holly trees. We can easily walk between the trees now, but when the trees are mature, it will effectively cut off walk-thru access to the park.

I know Vineyard Square is being constructed right beside our 'public access', so perhaps there is a plan for them to have a more formal public access path we can utilize. It just seems a shame that we get the lights and noise of the park without an easy and safe looking way to get over to it. I just am not certain what the original plan calls for with regards to access and who is responsible for making sure it happens.

#### 3. storm water drains

Some of us on Caitlin Court were concerned about the safety of the design of the storm water drain on our street. Our street is a cul-de-sac and it seem this drain is a kid magnet. This drain

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has an open design...no grating, and drops off inside rather steeply and some of us were concerned that a child could easily get into this drain. I know this is an area where parental supervision is probably the best avoidance of an accident...but I thought I'd ask if there was any way for these drains to be made safer or to have some sort of grating added to decrease the space a child could fall thru.

I hate to come off looking like a real busybody...but I thought these issues could be better addressed now when the developer might be held more accountable, than after annexation when the town and taxpayers would assume more responsibility.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

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