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Take care,

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From: GINA B HARDIN <ginahardin@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 10:52 PM
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Subject: River Bend PUD Public Hearing Comments

Dear Board of Trustees,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the River Bend PUD Application.

The Applicant's request for variances provides an excellent opportunity for Lyons to make progress toward realizing its greenhouse gas reduction goals, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (<https://www.townoflyons.com/DocumentCenter/View/1872/Lyons-Environment-Sustainability-Action-Plan-2019-Update?bidId=>) and Climate Resolution. I urge you to condition approval of the requested variances on the Applicant's 100% utilization of all-electric and high efficiency appliances and HVAC systems and xeriscaping with plants appropriate to the soil and climactic conditions of this area.

While Lyons has recently enrolled in our electric wholesaler's (Municipal Energy Association of Nebraska) green energy program, this does nothing to reduce the greenhouse gases produced by our use of methane ("natural") gas in cooking, heating and water heating. There is no way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from burning methane gas. Electrification is a necessary step toward achieving Lyons' stated goals. There are significant state and federal incentives to transition from methane to electric and efficient appliances.

Xeriscaping will reduce water usage as well as the release of chemical fertilizers and pesticides into the St Vrain River, thereby avoiding harm to fish and other water life and the river ecosystems.

In addition, I urge you to heed The Lyons Ecology Advisory Board's May 9, 2024

Comments on the proposed changes to the Original PUD, particularly its recommendations set forth in Proposed Changes 1 and 2 (p.2) and concerns elucidated in Keynotes 4-12 (pp. 5-6).

Many thanks for your efforts to retain what is wonderful about our community, as well as to continually make it better.

Please note that these comments are made in my personal capacity and do not reflect the opinions or recommendations of the Lyons Utilities and Engineering Board, of which I'm a member.

Best,
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