

Letter to the Editor

(Response to "Our View" Sept. 8th, 2011)

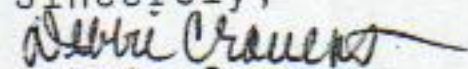
In defense of the City-County Plan Commission and what you shared in "Our View", I would like the City of Muncie to know that the Commission definitely did their job. The neighborhood concerns expressed by the Layne Crest taxpayers were legitimate against this proposed project and the Commission listened attentively.

Traffic congestion, drainage problems, and safety for the neighborhood children were primary concerns. The neighborhood and the south side of McGalliard already has a history of flooding. Adding pavement for parking and 216 units with washers would only compound the current problem. Additional concerns were increased crime rate, vandalism, littering, noise pollution, and student drinking. Conveniently, there is a liquor store near the proposed entrance for this student housing project.

Of the 9 member panel, 6 of them listened with open hearts and minds and made the right decision for this family neighborhood. "My View" would be that the Commission definitely served the public's best interest and I would like to commend them for a job well done.

There is not one Muncie taxpayer investing in their properties that would like student housing in their backyard. The Layne Crest neighbors were able to convince the Commission to do the right thing and vote against this proposed project. The public meeting was by no means a "sham" and there was enough convincing cons, that the vote should have been unanimous, that is unless three members of the Board had already made up their mind.

Sincerely,

  
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