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# Plan Commission says no to two apartment projects

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Opponents, among them Misty King, expressed concerns about the project, including increased crime, underage [drinking](#), noise, traffic congestion, storm water runoff, security and risks of injury to children.

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One resident, Lon Sloan, told the commission the negative influence of the apartment complex would turn Layne Crest into "empty houses and student rentals."

Another resident, Ruth Dailey, said heavy rains already flood McGalliard from time to time, forcing the road to temporarily close. Opponents said the construction of buildings and parking lots on what is now a grassy field would just aggravate existing storm drainage problems.

A handful of landlords and residents also opposed rezoning the Dill Street site, where five of six homes already have been demolished for new construction. Concerns there included increased flooding and a shortage of parking.

Local developer Jerry Wise, a co-owner of that site, said most of the neighborhood surrounding the Dill Street site already has been converted through zoning variances into multiple-family housing.

"My concern is for the (college) kids," Wise said, referring to older single-family homes converted into student rentals. Many of those homes don't meet fire codes, Wise said.

Contact reporter Seth Slabaugh at 213-5834.

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