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# Muncie City Council approves rezoning for northside apartments

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MUNCIE -- "What are we supposed to do?" shouted an angry resident of the Layne Crest neighborhood on Monday night after a divided Muncie City Council approved rezoning to allow construction of a 216-unit apartment complex near McGalliard Road and Oakwood Avenue.

The council voted 5-3 in favor of the rezoning requested by North Carolina-based Campus Crest, which plans to build 10 four-story buildings on slightly more than 10 acres along McGalliard now owned by Homer Bradburn.

The fully furnished apartments will be designed for use by students at nearby Ball State University.

The \$15 million project will produce about \$300,000 in annual tax revenue for local government, according to Scott Shockley, attorney for Campus Crest.

Residents of the nearby Layne Crest neighborhood have vehemently opposed the project, citing concerns over [safety](#), traffic, drainage and falling property values.

In a presentation before Monday's vote, Shockley attempted to calm some of those fears, saying the complex would be surrounded by a six-foot metal fence, with its residents having no direct pedestrian or [vehicle](#) access to the neighborhood.

Shockley also said a drainage pond on the property meant it would not contribute to any existing draining problems in the area.

He maintained some of the project's critics would likely not be in favor of development on the land under any circumstances.

"Some of these folks have fought to keep this a grassy field for 40 years," he said.

Residents urged the council to resist the temptation offered by the tax revenue the project could create.

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"We know the city of Muncie is desperate for money," said one Layne Crest resident. "(But) this isn't just business for us."


"You're going to ruin this community if you vote for this!" said another Layne Crest resident, drawing applause from his neighbors.

Another neighborhood resident, Aaron Neff, suggested the city should buy the property from Bradburn and install a Muncie Welcome Center on the site.


Layne Crest resident Amy Ryder said her children told her they were concerned that the development meant "we can't play outside anymore."

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