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Last nights meeting

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Hey Nicole,

I wanted to email you in hopes you can get my email on record for the Village Planning Commission.

I sat in on last nights meeting and wanted to give you all kudos for asking all the right questions of Mike and Michelle. I have nothing but positive things to say about the direction our community seems to be headed when it comes to tackling the issue of housing. I think that Michelle and Mike sound like they are on the exact right track and their project has the potential to really help Northport meeting some major housing needs and fill the sort of “middle” housing gap.

When the planning commission looks at this just a few things that I think we all need to take into consideration: I often hear there is also a gap for Senior housing and that certainly is something to take into consideration along with workforce housing. I also think there has to be some barriers in place to prevent it turning into something it wasn’t sort of built in the spirit of. Here is my example: I’ll just use my parents😊 Let’s say they decide they want to downsize and they decide to sell the home that they already own. Let’s say they get 500k for that house. Then try and scoop up an affordable apartment or home basically giving them a beautiful bump to their already nice retirement account. That isn’t in the spirit of what we need or trying to do. However in 25 years that could be exactly what something like that is filled with. How do we as a community prevent that without discrimination? I think if Michelle and Mike are willing to work in tandem with the planning commission in making sure these remain long term rentals with some sort of permanent block on anyone making them an STR (including those they sell) then I hope the planning commission helps to move this project forward. I think there are plenty of ways to help target the workforce housing that is so desperately needed. I know several business owners that would put a years worth of rent down today just to hold an apartment to help entice staff to come work. Thank you to you and the rest of the planning commission for all your hard work.

Kristi Fischer