

From: [Elisabeth Bower](#)
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Subject: Refuge specific plan
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To whom it may concern

My name is Liz Bower, I am a homeowner living at [REDACTED] directly behind this Refuge specific planned building area. I wasn't thrilled about having houses built behind me but I did know that at some point there would be building going on. However, I didn't realize that it was not only going to take away the view I had of all the mountains and even the hot air balloons during the festival but my SKY as well.

They are currently excavating behind me and have now built a dirt wall 10feet high. Looks like they are creating hills that didn't exist. Then they will build a house in top of this 10ft high created hill and that leaves me with nothing. Not even a sky line. My backyard is tiny to begin with (18ft) house to wall. And now I won't even have a sky without looking straight up. Urban jungle style. I moved to the desert because I love the views and that there isn't housing "on top" of housing.

I'm writing in hopes that these prefab hills ideas right behind my house can be amended to leveling the houses directly behind me to leave a reasonable skyline for myself and my neighbors.







Please help.

Thank you for your time.

Liz Bower

Sent from my iPhone

Níamh Ortega

From: Jana Bennehoof Koroczynsky <jana@artandsculpture.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:33 PM
To: CouncilMeeting Comments
Subject: REFUGE (DEL WEBB?) OFF GERALD FORD
Attachments: Screenshot_22-5-2024_201436_www.refugepalmdesert.com.jpeg; Screenshot_22-5-2024_20166_www.refugepalmdesert.com.jpeg

Dear Council members,

I would like to speak at the meeting on Thursday, May 23. I live on Woodward Drive and represent the residents of that street which adjoins the Refuge (I guess now Del Webb) project to the south of Gerald Ford Drive. We find the landscaping being done unacceptable. There is reason to believe our walls may be compromised by the trench dug right behind us.

One of our Woodward residents met with the city planner today and was told that the elevation they were making behind us over the last few days was indeed going to be 11 feet higher than the existing elevation. Do you have any idea what that is going to look like? They are virtually building a mountain behind us. I have attached a website screen shot of the planned landscape walkway. What is being done is significantly different from the Refuge walkway rendering and unacceptable.

Our neighbor was also told that there are going to be two story homes in the mix. That was not approved for the Refuge development.

Last week when we received the letter informing us of a public hearing, a few of us went to the Refuge website where there was a small statement about changes involving curving the corner homes landscaping and a small reduction in the number of homes. Those changes were fine with us. (Attached please find that statement from the website.) Therefore, we did not find it to be important to attend the meeting regarding these changes.

We feel we were inadequate notified of intended modifications to the plan. The letter was unclear and incomplete as to changes in the plan. And nothing was said about Refuge being sold to Del Webb.

Jana Bennehoof Koroczynsky



What Changes Have Been Made Since The Last Community Outreach Meeting In August 2022?



- A new Tentative Tract Map has been proposed for 332 lots, which is a reduction from the Tentative Tract Map that was approved in November 2022 for 339 lots.
- All corner lots adjacent to the landscape buffer at the southern boundaries have been curved to provide a more organic, generous transition.
- The recreational core of the community has been relocated to provide a grand sense of arrival and greater accessibility for residents.

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From: Ryland Penta
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:26 PM
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Subject: Fw: A new question has been added to Do You Have Any General Questions or Comments For The City?



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Subject: A new question has been added to Do You Have Any General Questions or Comments For The City?

Hi there,

Just a quick heads up to let you know that a new question has been asked at Ask City Hall by Teri Kaplan. The question that was asked is:

Is the City Council going to address poor air quality that we have been experiencing for months? I was told that it is a result of hurricane Hilary, the sand has loosened up and with it being windy it sends the sand into the atmosphere.....Thank you for all of your time and efforts in keeping Palm Desert beautiful. Teri Kaplan Please DO NOT reply to this email. If you want to provide an answer to this question, sign into your site and respond to the question from within the Q & A tool.

Regards

Bang The Table Team