



Ellicott School District 22

Home of the Thunderhawks

Chris Smith- Superintendent

June 10, 2022

RE: Amara/La Plata housing development and the Ellicott School District.

To whom it may concern,

In February of 2022, the Ellicott 22 School District began meeting with the team from Amara/La Plata housing development, that will be established in the southwest corner of our school district. There have been follow up email correspondence and invitations to continue this process as Amara continues to complete their project.

On behalf of the Ellicott School Board and Ellicott Community we look forward to working with this team as they build homes that will impact our school district. We have been impressed with their insight and professionalism.

Sincerely-

Chris Smith, ESD22 Superintendent



June 27, 2022

Katie Carleo

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Ms. Carleo,

RE: Amara (Annexation, Mater Plan and Zoning) – Third Review
File: CPC A 21-00197 – CPC A 21-00207, CPC MP 21-00208, CPC ZC 21-00209

El Paso County School District No. 8 (AKA Fountain-Fort Carson School District) has agreed on the general location and acreage of six school sites in Amara. The developer has agreed to ongoing discussion regarding the location of an additional school site, if warranted. The developer is revising the site plan to reflect changes discussed on April 22, 2022. In addition, we are awaiting revised timelines to better reflect construction schedules and student estimates for two scenarios – a fast-track, more aggressive forecast and a moderate forecast.

Although there has been discussion with the City of Colorado Springs Police Department, the District is concerned that it may take first responders significantly longer to respond in Amara than in other parts of the school district served by the City of Fountain Police Department and the Fort Carson Military Police.

Lastly, as previously mentioned to you, the District is concerned that the City of Colorado Springs' 2-tiered school fee in lieu of land is outdated and does not reflect the current value of land or true cost of construction for developments with more than 8 dwelling units per acre.

Other than the concerns noted above, Fountain-Fort Carson District 8 has no objections to the Amara resubmittal of the master plan, annexation and zoning at this time.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the master plan and we look forward to working with you in the future to better serve our community.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.
Respectfully,

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May 26, 2022

Attn: Katie Carleo
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Dear Katie,

Per correspondence dated May 19, 2022, for file numbers CPC A 21-00197, CPC A 21-00207, CPC MP 21-00208, CPCZC 21-00209 "Resubmittal Amara Annexation/Master Plan and Zoning", tax schedule numbers 4500000082, 4500000125, 5500000031, 5500000419, approximately located north of Squirrel Creek Road and east of Marksheffel Road, requested by LaPlata LLC,. Widefield School District #3 has agreed on the general location of a 12 acre elementary school site in the Amara development. We have not reached the point to discuss an exact location or access roads for the school.

Widefield School District #3 has no objections for the resubmittal for the Amara development at this time.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached at 719-391-3531 or by email at gishd@wsd3.org.

Sincerely,

David Gish
Chief Operations Officer
Widefield School District #3

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