Outlook

RE: Kessler School and WSW Impacts

From Verrill, Todd <tverrill@helenaschools.org>
Date Mon 2026-11-16 2:01 PM
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Mr. Brink,

Thank you for the email regarding the Westside Woods development and safety concerns near Kessler Elementary School. I want to reaffirm the district has not changed its opinion since I submitted the memorandum to the city commission on 29 November 2022. Based on discussions with Sussex Construction in October of the same year, we still support the following measures to improve the safety of our students, teachers, staff, and parents:

- Granite Ave. improvements including gutters, curbs, sidewalks, and others required by the City Code of Helena and/or recommended by the city engineer
- Traffic calming measures on Granite Ave. to include pedestrian crosswalks
- An improved pedestrian walkway to the west of Granite Ave. between Knight St. and Hauser Blvd. (currently an unimproved social trail/alley)
- Radar speed signs and flashing pedestrian crossing signs where appropriate

If appropriate, a representative from the district is very willing to comment directly to the commission at the next meeting. Please let me know if you need more information. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Todd

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Importance: High

Hi Todd, Rex asked if you can please respond to Christopher, and CC Rex and Shane.

Thank you so much,

Candice

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Hi Rex,

Greetings and good morning!

Based on public concerns that the City had not reached out to HSD regarding the developer of Westside Woods's requests to amend certain conditions attached to their project, I'm reaching out to confirm whether the concerns and comments the school district raised in 2022 regarding Kessler Elementary School and the Westside Woods development remain valid and reflect the district's current position.

I apologize for not contacting you directly sooner. Based on our routine meetings and the school district project plans shared with the City, planning staff understood that the district's position had not changed. Even so, I should have followed up with you to confirm that understanding and provide an opportunity for any updated feedback.

Could you please confirm whether the district's 2022 comments still apply and identify any concerns that have been addressed, changed, raised by the applicant's new requests, or

require further coordination? We want to accurately represent the district's position as the City considers the requested amendments to the Westside Woods approval conditions.

Thank you for your time and continued coordination.

-Chris

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Book time to meet with Chris