

Joanna King

From: Joanna King
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Joanna King
Subject: City Council Appointment

Hello,

I hope all is well with you!

I am writing to request a slot to present at a Benbrook City Council Meeting. I have been a resident of the Mont Del Neighborhood and a Benbrook citizen since 1989. Since living here, we have been very involved in the city, serving on the Mont Del Homeowners Association in several different capacities.

When buying our house, we were made aware of a settlement between the City of Benbrook, the City of Fort Worth, and the developers of Cityview, regarding the flooding of the properties within the Mont Del neighborhood. From the court documents sent to us, by your office, it is apparent that a retention pond was put in place in an attempt to stop the flooding of the houses surrounding the Duck Pond/Park in the Mont Del Neighborhood. Although the retention pond has prevented the flooding of the houses surrounding the Duck Pond/Park so far, the houses that back onto the area that the retention pond empties into, are now facing serious erosion problems and loss of property due to this "fix" of the retention pond. With the installation of the retention pond, there was failure to anticipate the damage of the properties secondary to the large amount of water discharged into what has now become a storm drain, emptying into the Duck Pond/Park.

Since moving into our house in 1989, the back of our property has slowly been dissolving into the storm sewer below, causing foundation problems for us and our neighbors. By my estimates, our property line has moved twelve feet inward, because of this loss of land. We have had to move the fence closing in our ever-shrinking property three times, to prevent it from falling into the creek, however this last storm on May 9th caused too much erosion too quickly, causing the fence to finally fall into the area below.

Our purpose for presenting this to City Council is to not alleviate past financial burdens caused by this temporary solution of the retention pond, but to prevent further damage in the future. We believe there to be multiple possible solutions to this problem and would like to open a dialogue with the city officials that have been elected to represent us in these situations.

Thank you.

Best,
Charles Esterlein