

Trevor Chadwick

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To: Trevor Chadwick
Subject: Willowbrook / Transportation Workshop

Mayor Chadwick,

I hope this email finds you happy and healthy.

I just wanted to thank you for holding the recent workshop with Nate Mitchell (Willowbrook) and the transportation companies within Ada and Canyon Counties. I thought it was an informative meeting. My husband and I were part of those that were online.

Personally, meetings like this is what many of us in Hillsdale have wanted all along. Many of us are not opposed to growth, but want a beautiful planned community that fits with what we were told when we first purchased our homes. There are so many things to consider as we grow this area. I certainly appreciate you recognizing the size and magnitude of what is to come.

In past, the feeling I got from Mayor Bell was completely opposite than what you are trying to do. I felt like he never considered us as a group looking for a full picture of growth. We were just a nuisance. I heard that way of thinking continue on as Councilman Wheelock (who I know personally, and adore) made a comment about poking the bear, meaning Hillsdale. Many of us in Hillsdale are looking for the full picture of what our neighborhood will become. That's it. What will the roads look like? How can we accommodate more traffic on our rural streets? My daughter started driving here in Idaho. Turning out on Hwy 16 with cars going 65 mph was (is) so scary and dangerous. (Once as I waited to turn into Hillsdale on Hwy 16 I waited in the left hand turn lane. As I waited, a car traveling from Emmett was turning right into Hillsdale. The car behind him did not slow down and swerved around him. I watched a car going 65 mph go head on with me before he swerved back into his lane. Scary doesn't define the moment when that driver drove straight for my car. It would have been a fatal accident). Roads aren't important to us because we want to be a problem. Roads are important to us because currently they are a problem; a huge problem.

We really just want a full picture. How can we welcome more people to our paradise without destroying the beautiful area where we live? How can we accommodate more water? (I have lived in California and Las Vegas, Nevada). What about emergency services? For the first time ever I had to call 911 for my daughter and the time that passed before they arrived felt like a lifetime. We just want to work together to make Idaho even more amazing.

As I have respect for you, for many reasons, I was really disappointed with how Nate Mitchell treated you and the council during the workshop, As ITD, ACHD, CHD, and Compass all discussed their guidelines, he showed his inability to follow, and complete disregard for, the guidelines set in place to better our communities. There was one part when the transportation agencies continued to explain their guidelines and Mr. Mitchell completely disregarded the suggestions of the agencies and turned towards the council and mentioned he was there to get approval for his plan from the council. It was as if thorough planning wasn't important, and you and the council just needed to do what he was asking and not follow guidelines set forth. I felt like he thought he could smooth talk you and the council into approving his plan, without the proper planning, piecing the community together with as little effort, planning, time, and money as possible. Thank you for taking the time to see the big picture.

I know that Nate Mitchell has a long history in Star. I also know a man like you can leave an amazing legacy in this amazing town.

Your bacon on Facebook looks amazing!

Thank you,
Kim Sullivan