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Jeff,

Thanks for talking to me concerning the above application by Maymont for improvements in the vicinity of the Children's Farm. As discussed my main concerns are as follows:

- 1. Moving the entrance off the street grid (Spottswood Rd.) will not improve their entry issue from Pump House Drive.
  - a. They may get 3 more car lengths stacking but this I feel is not worth moving the entry farther down Shirley Lane which will be far more disruptive to the neighbors that live across the street.
  - b. The new entry is almost opposite the existing alley which is not the most attractive look for an enhanced entry.
  - c. Also a lot of the neighbors use the alley for off street parking causing added congestion for them to negotiate in and out of the alley.
  - d. If the new entry is approved it will be even closer to the exit from the parking lot onto Westover creating additional congestion from traffic leaving Maymont onto Shirley Lane.
  - e. Once the house is demolished on Spottswood there will be plenty of additional space to create better signage and plantings announcing Maymont's entry.
  - f. One last benefit to leaving the entrance on Spottswood is the ease of giving people directions to Maymont "follow Spottswood Road to you go through the stone columned entry gate and you are there".
- 2. A suggestion I have made many times that would greatly help the traffic flow at Shirley and Pump House Drive is to add two direction lines so vehicles can get lined up to either take a left onto Pump House going south or take a right to go north. Traffic often line up way over and block the traffic that wants to take a right that could get out of the intersection stacking.

Thanks

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