

Fw: Monterey - Con Comm Agenda- 2.15.2024

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I am imagining that this is now out of your hands but want to appeal to the town for help. This is a very frightening situation for myself and my neighbors.

Karen Allen

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Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 10:15:23 PM EST

Subject: Re: Monterey - Con Comm Agenda- 2.15.2024

Dear Kim,

I am outside of the US until March and will not be able to be present for this February meeting about the RV camp proposal at Hume Lake Camp. Kim Wetherall, the CC Agent, has invited me to write my thoughts and questions for her to read in my absence.

As one of the abutter's to this property I would want to ask about the number of people who would be living in the RV Camp when it was fully occupied, and whether or not the RV's in question would be the property of Hume itself, and therefore would be stationary vehicles once installed in the parking lot, (the RV visitors would come and go but not the RVs), or whether these would be privately owned RV's: owned by people visiting the camp and the RVs themselves would continuously drive up and down Cronk Rd every week, the same way the buses of guests come and go every week? Could we possibly be talking about 100's of RVs coming and going from the camp and therefore traversing Cronk Rd in the course of a season?

Having lived at 17 Cronk Rd, (the first property on the left side of the road as you turn from Sandisfield Rd), I, without effort, observe any and all of the vehicles, of all sizes and functions, as they come and go from Hume Camp from my kitchen and dining room windows which are very close to the road. Many of the large 18 wheeler food and beverage trucks and other large construction vehicles are at such a proximity and so impactful that they cause objects on my kitchen counters to audibly rattle, and occasionally travel across the counter top and shatter onto the floor, if I am not at home or am unable to get to them quickly enough to rescue them..

The larger vehicles that have been permitted to drive on Cronk Rd since Hume purchased the camp and the speed of the numerous large and small size vehicles alike, have proved dangerous to the residents of Cronk Rd. My neighbors, Michael Vatis and Mary Claire Hogan, have reported on several occasions, that they have come extremely close to being struck by trucks as they barrel around the curve before their driveway, when they are attempting to exit their home with their four young children in the car. I have been told, by my adult son and also a close friend, Peter Almond, who often stays at my home when I am away, that they have separately been literally **run off the road onto embankments** on Cronk Rd in order to avoid a collision with a fast moving vehicle that was driving in the center of the road, taking up the entire road, and refusing to give way so

my son and friend could safely pass. We have spoken to several Select Boards over the years. A few signs with a 25 MPH speed limit were put up, but have had "little to no" impact. Finally in desperation we bought our own traffic signs begging drivers to slow down on the road **for the safety of our children**. Mr Vatis' and Ms Hogan's children even have made their own signs pleading for attention to safety on the road. I am perhaps the only citizen in Monterey that has a bird's eye view of this frightful situation, because of the location of my house in relation to Cronk Rd and to Hume and because I often work at home during the day and see more of what goes on than anyone. Believe me, you would have the same concerns if you witnessed what I witness.

So it follows that we must continue to be concerned and speak out about the danger of adding more large vehicles to this already hazardous situation, where residents walk with friends, walk their dogs, jog, bike and cross county ski, and young children play and learn to ride their bikes. The narrow gravel and dirt Cronk Rd has become in the last decade, a thoroughfare of 18 wheeler Cisco Systems and Pespi Cola trucks, logging trucks, bulldozers, dump trucks, school buses, vans, and on and on. Why would they, or we, want to add RVs to this and increase the danger.

Myself and others have felt that somehow unwittingly the town of Monterey has allowed a **large corporation** (which is what Hume is) to start an ongoing expansion on the quiet small town camp property where New England Keswick used to be. We find ourselves feeling deep frustration and concern as residents. We have no idea when the building and expansion will slow or finally be over. Hume has never been willing or been required by the town as far as I am aware, to reveal their endgame plans.. It has been the experience of living next to a neighbor who is doing a renovation that goes on for 15 years with no end in site. They just keep adding on to it and you are given no idea whether you will ever get a life back without constant noise and interruption and impending danger.

I do have a question about further clearing of trees on the property that abuts mine, where this parking lot will be built. How many acres will be cleared? Will it be overseen by the town?

Last but not least, myself and all my neighbors (Committee for the Citizens Concerned About Hume) which was formed 10-12 years ago..... have deep concerns about the aquifer that we share with now hundreds, potentially 1000's of temporary residents throughout particularly the Summer months and the huge demands Hume will place on the aquifer. We have never been given satisfactory assurances that we won't wake up one Summer morning to discover we no longer have water. So any kind of further expansion at Hume including a group of RVs that will be drawing on a limited aquifer is of course of concern. Is there any new evidence to reassure us?

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. Best. Karen Allen/ Cronk Rd/Monterey

On Monday, February 12, 2024 at 01:36:07 PM EST, Conservation Commission Agent <ccagent@montereyma.gov> wrote:

Greetings,
Please find the agenda for Monterey's Con Comm next meeting.
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