

I am not opposed to the New Seasons Development. I have not declared support for any candidate running for office. I want to address statements made at the last City Council meeting concerning senior housing for moderate income Green residents. Mr. Knodel, a former City Council member, told of difficulties he was having with finding a moderately priced home in Green. Rental housing is not the answer. When your resources are exhausted, you find yourself at an advanced age with no place to live. Home ownership is the answer. Proceeds from sale of your existing home can be used to buy the rightsized senior home. Proceeds from the sale of the senior home can be used for assisted living or become part of your estate. The city is extremely reluctant to develop this type of housing because moderate income residents aren't deemed able to contribute in a significant financial way to the city. How is "contribute significantly" defined? What is the level which a resident must be able to meet in order to merit consideration? Why aren't past taxes paid considered? Moderate income senior homeowners will continue to pay income, sales and real estate taxes.

Are contributions other than financial even considered? Do you even recognize their long term support of city and school activities and volunteering? Mr. Knodel served on City Council.

Moderate income housing will, I was told, unduly stress EMS/Fire. Where are studies or data supporting the assumption that a moderate income senior uses EMS/Fire to a greater degree than high income seniors?

The city must find a way to subsidize the development of moderate income senior housing so that Green seniors have priority for occupancy. If you don't want to contribute financially, find another way. Could land or other considerations be provided?

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