

Mr.Yeargin,

I read with interest the article in *The South Side Leader* (March 1-7) regarding the addition of fire stations in the City of Green. I was particularly interested in the study suggesting the need for a station in the southwest quadrant of Green. It appears the study was done prior to the installation of the NEXUS Pipeline. Logic would suggest that, should the same study be done today, it would indicate a greater need for a station in the southwest quadrant due to the NEXUS Pipeline, increased traffic, and the additional homes that have since been built. Whether it is an auto accident, medical emergency, or fire, acceptable response times to ALL citizens, regardless of location within the city, are imperative. Many insurance companies base their homeowners rates on proximity to fire stations and/or fire hydrants. Additionally, from an insurance standpoint, substantial medical expenses can be mitigated with acceptable response times in the event of an auto accident or fire. Even more significantly, lives can be saved in the event of a fire or serious accident. Also, our wonderful first responders are in greater danger when they arrive at a fire that is more advanced because of the length of the arrival time. An argument can even be made that home values are negatively impacted when the perception is that safety services are not sufficient. Many residents in the southwest quadrant were impacted by the NEXUS Pipeline, so it seems logical that some of the dollars received from NEXUS be used to provide additional safety/services to the citizens located in the southwest quadrant, where response times can be woefully inadequate and insurance premiums may be impacted based on proximity to a fire station and/or fire hydrants.

Regards,

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