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To: The Mayor and Members of the City Counsel
Meeting on 20th Sept. Continued to the 27th

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Resolution 1125-D (Emergency access road and utility)

This road was placed in the early eighties when the neighborhood between Polk, Cornelia, Ashlan and Getesberg was constructed. Since then a junior high school has been built about a half mile west of polk and Ashlan. Traffic has increased and about 100 residents use the road (Ellendale) on a daily basis. I have seen 4-6 fire engines use the road and 3 ambulances.

Background: About a year ago I spoke to a person next to my house where I'm living. He said that he had filed or was filing some paper work to buy the lot (that is the fire road) laid out on a surveyor map as a lot with a lot number. He said he was from (I'm not sure) Egypt, Syria, Arabia (the corner lot is owned by an Arabin fellow and maybe his brother but are not interested in the parcel that is the service access road. The individual explained how he wished to build a house on the street in the middle of the fire road. He added that he wanted to live there and not rent or sell it right away.

It sounds like he wants to develop land that is not for sale in a competitive market as it is a public road or emergency easement (likely not designated a public road) to develop wholesale for a 40-80k profit as homes in area sell for between 180-240K. If a person hires a contractor and buys the material a house can often be built for 60-80% of retail.

There is a corner lot (Polk & Ashlan) with six backyard fences. Six similar homes the size of the lot placed on the fire road could be built and give those six homes a back yard neighbor.

A ^{urban} commercial development was placed behind the backyard fences on Alva street near Herndon and Valentine. Those half million and two million dollar homes smelled like garbage and urine with people digging through trash dumpsters as children and grandchildren played on the other side of the fence. The developer may have been sued to construct a brick wall. And, the dumpsters were moved.

A police officer lived out between Maple and Cedar next to an empty field next to a Catholic school. He would come home from work to find rocks and bottles and children swimming in his pool at hours from noon until evening when he would normally be working. Residents on the south side of Swift have a swimming pool and should have a back yard neighbor if the area is developed. And, if best ~~it~~ to make the Polk & Ashlan corner lot/s residential, Ellendale and its utility could provide access. And, dual purpose two story single units could be placed along Polk and Ashlan (maybe first along Ashlan a laundry mat) as viable. See attached map how 50 units could be placed on an adjacent lot with dual purpose along main roads.

Google Maps

double parking
drive way is a
drive through
garage
half of the
patio
maybe two story homes with a roof that could be used as a patio.

Google Maps



<https://www.google.com/maps/@36.7944945,-119.8882759,205m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Single Unit 2 car garage stacked one
on top of the other 9/19/2018
on side of garage with a drive through garage

Near the Grapevine between ~~Bacter~~ Bakersfield and L.A. are single unit two story homes about the size of a two car garage stacked one on top of the other. Even when rented or a condo provide a pride of ownership that is lost to 20 and 40 unit apartments that attract crime.

I would hope the city council members would make efforts to develop at least 2 story homes and stair accessible attic that can be used as a bedroom or storage. And, make sure that blighted property such as the neighborhood near Maple and Ventura where homes were removed leaving entire neighborhoods flattened and unused with streets and side walks to empty lots as light commercial industrial property as found near Ingram and Bedford mostly office with some warehouse or assembly of products.

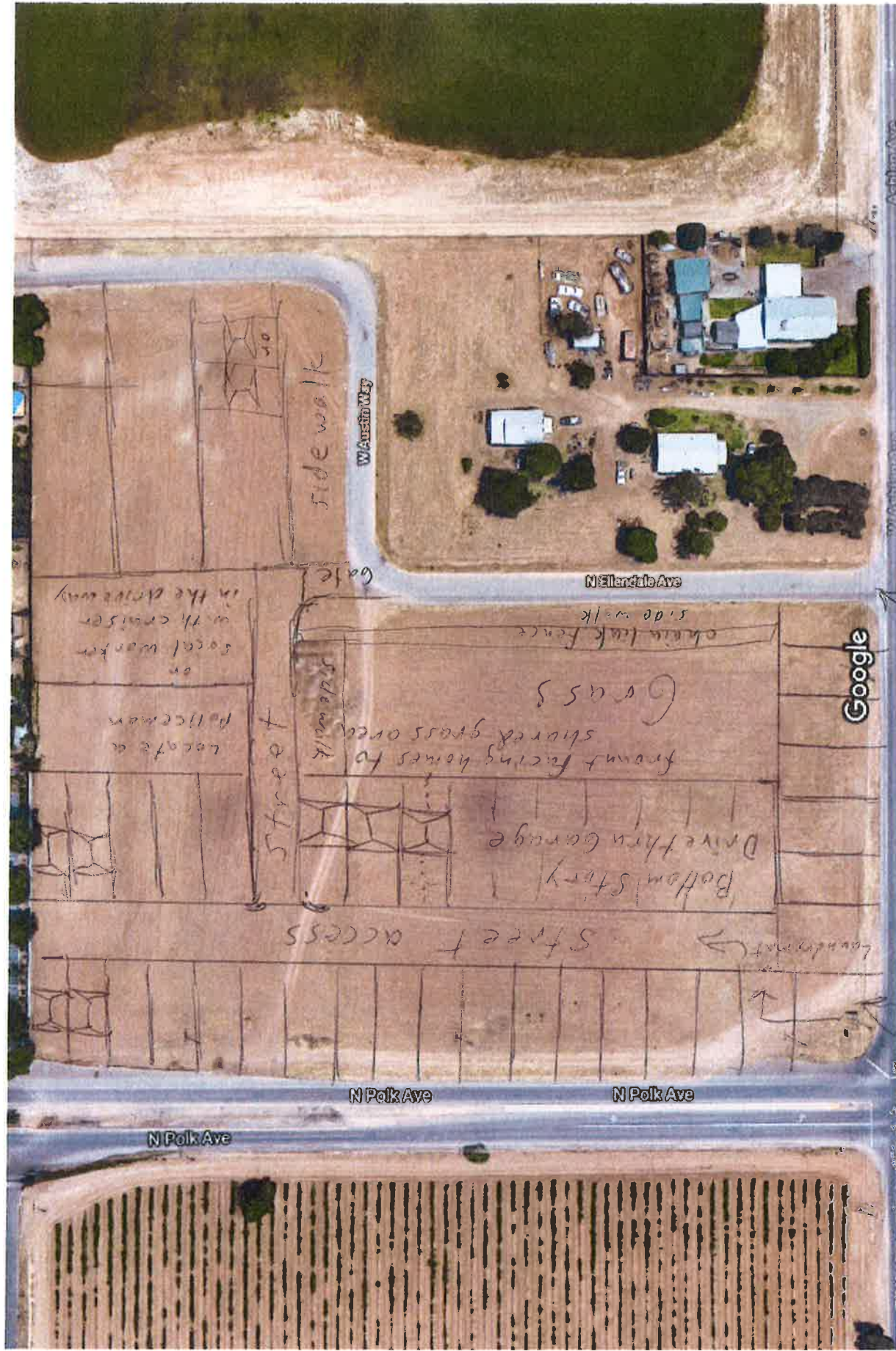
Thank You

P.S. It looks like commercial property can accommodate ~~being~~ being located next to a school or small park area. And ~~when~~ when in a residential neighborhood are separated by front facing homes across the street.

In addition to the neighborhood between Ashlan, Gettesburg, Polk and Cornilia additional homes were added after the installation of Ellendale (fire access road) going east on Swift to a church on Polk, about 13 homes. The point being made that other development has occurred after the initial purpose if temporary road was constructed that has added utility and purpose to its use.

And, finally if Ellendale is closed or abandoned providing 300 foot access to Ashlan street for over 100 cars each day both residence and service vehicles, they would be required to travel about a half mile through residential neighborhoods placing at risk and increasing traffic were children often play and adults exercise and walk their pets.

It's nice to drive down 41 highway with out bill boards. It provides a space that improves the quality of life in Fresno. Driving passed the drainage pond helps provide that space at the end of the day. And, were an even gated community of 40 or more single unit two story homes and larger lots could^{be} placed on the northeast corner of Ashlan and Polk, Ellendale could provide a private drive way,



Could have Gate with camera

Gate entrance? Commercial