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I attended the planning commission meeting on 10/20/22 re: proposed Sunset Meadows Development # 22-01/sub22-01/MNR 22-02. Clearly some residents present were rightly concerned about details of the proposed development and how it affected them as neighbors. Also many, such as myself, were there to express intense concern about the effects of continued rapid development of Sisters in general, particularly the effect of major increases in traffic, without specific improvements in infrastructure such as widening roads, building at least one or two more roundabouts and also serious progression toward the long delayed Hwy 20 bypass of downtown Sisters. The bypass ought to become a requirement for multi-axle trucks. Limited available water, is another major problem to be exacerbated by this development.

The feel of Sisters as a small town, close-knit community excelling in art, music, original food, and natural beauty will be marred. It will no longer be a desirable destination for tourists if it goes down the path of unmanaged growth primarily benefiting developers who reap millions of dollars from these projects. Short term financial benefits for a few development companies are outweighed by long term decrease in tourism and quality of life. Sisters will go the way of Bend and Redmond which have been overwhelmed by growth.

One of the reasons brought up at the meeting to justify continued growth was the Oregon State requirement for building affordable housing. Many present felt this requirement is not something Sisters could fulfill. We need clarification of that legislation, as I have understood it to mean that all NEW construction must include a certain percentage of affordable housing. I tried to find documentation of this on-line but was unable. Please clarify this for the benefit of all involved in this discussion.

It seems that the Planning board is out of step with the values of local citizens!
Thank you,

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