

I come to the podium tonight to address the rezoning of the 108 acre parcel located east of Cline Ave and north of W 109th Ave. As a Plan Commission you are governed by Indiana Code 36-7-4-603 which states: In preparing and considering proposals under the 600 series, the plan commission and the legislative body shall pay reasonable regard to:

- The comprehensive plan
- Current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district
- The most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted
- The conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and
- Responsible development and growth

I want to pay particular attention to item numbers 4 and 5. The current plan that is before you of 11,200 square foot lots which amounts to an additional 352 small homes is not in keeping with the St. John development model of R1 larger lots, larger homes. If this rezoning goes through our property values will surely suffer. The fact that there were no studies done on road impact, the stress that this many more new homes will create for the police and fire departments and how it will impact our water and sewer services shows this is an impulsive action which is not responsible development and growth. Additionally there are our neighbors in Crown Point who were not informed of this plan that will dramatically impact their schools as it falls in the Crown Point district. This is just one more example of irresponsible growth. These are a few glaring examples of violating at least two of the guidelines in the Indiana code I mentioned earlier.

When voting please make the responsible decision to uphold your duty as a plan commission and follow the Indiana Code that governs you in this process and vote to keep and preserve St. John as it should be with a vote to maintain the 108 acres as R1 zoning....larger lots, larger homes, less density, higher property values and safer streets.