

July 29, 2025

Mayor John Evans, Garden City, Idaho

RE: Proposed development at Boise Bible College

Dear Mr. Mayor:

After being run off our property of 26 years by developers, we searched the area for a place to relocate for our 'golden years'. We settled on Willowbrook because of location, safety, quietness, and a well run, nice subdivision.

The home we chose joins up with the Boise Bible College to the west. It has always been our understanding that the property could not be sold under the terms of the 'gifting' of the property to the college. We now learn that some sort of long term land lease deal has been made and we now face the prospect of two - 4 story buildings, combined containing 230 plus units, that will be mere feet from us. The apartment residents will be able to look right into our yards and into our homes. The large buildings will block sunlight and the line of sight to the landscape and sky and we will be faced with noise, vehicle pollution, lack of privacy, a lost sense of safety, and a very long period of construction. Our safe haven will be no more as 400-500 people will be right beyond whatever fence/barrier will be built along our subdivision property line.

Four story buildings do not belong in the middle of existing residential neighborhoods – they may be appropriate in certain areas of the city, but not where they will be adversely impacting multiple existing neighborhoods. Our senior citizens simply want a safe, quiet, secure, nice place to live, which is what we currently have and is why we bought in Willowbrook. This proposed development threatens all of us and our quality of life.

I also have to mention the problems of traffic. Marigold Street is already very difficult to navigate at certain times of the day. The addition of the 300-400 more vehicles this development will generate will turn Marigold and Glenwood into gridlock and adversely affect traffic on Coffey and Garrett Streets.

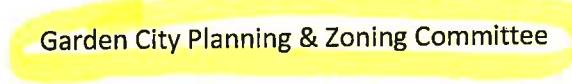
Finally, our property values will suffer – who will want to buy a house so close to this monstrosity? The resulting safety issues, privacy issues, noise issues, traffic issues and more, will negatively impact all of our properties. This is not to mention the lengthy construction period which will result in dust, diesel fumes, noise, and much more. Please come by our home on Willowdale Drive and see for yourself the impact of the proposed project.

Respectfully,

  
James and Carol Trent

  
Carol A. Trent

Cc: Garden City Council Members

  
Garden City Planning & Zoning Committee