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Subject: Architectural Guidelines Draft - Homeowner input

Tim,

I attended the meeting last month where we had a large attendance to voice concerns over the draft HOA guidelines that are intended to highlight the "existing" HOA policies, rules and regulations. One thing that really stood out to me was the focus on windows. Frankly we should be happy that any homeowner would be willing to put an extensive dollar amount into their homes to improve the overall curb appeal. The guidelines appear to be requiring any window changes to the Centex built homes, to have grids whether internal or external for the entire house. I am not an original owner, but have lived in Washingtonian Woods for more than 18 years. We have done many renovations to our home, all of which were approved by the HOA and City of Gaithersburg (permits required). We updated our windows in the front of the home, side and some rear windows, all without grids.

One thing I was able to obtain while going through the permit and approval process, was a copy of the original city approved blue prints, which include elevations, for the Centex home plans in our neighborhood. On each elevation, none of the plans show grids in the side or rear windows. While I understand that we are looking to create an environment of consistency in the look of our neighborhood, grids are not going to make or break that curb appeal, nor do they agree or disagree with the architectural appearance of the Colonial style homes that are Centex.

I would ask you to review the attached photos of those plans and communicate to the board that not all windows were to have grids.

Regards, Danielle Meyers 3 Driscoll Court







