



Lakehurst West Homeowners Association

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Dear Jefferson County,

The Lakehurst HOA and The Friends of Lakehurst Park, representing the residents and homeowners of Lakehurst subdivision, would like to provide some insight into our unique neighborhood. Adjacent to our homes is one of the most beautiful parks in Jefferson County. Called simply "Lakehurst Park," it overlooks Harriman Lake. The park is owned and managed by Foothills Parks and Recreation. Lakehurst subdivision was built in 1963 and was one of the first planned communities in this area of the county. It was developed in a special style that is unlike anything in today's typical planned developments.

In the original platting of Lakehurst Subdivision, the sidewalks were placed in access easements, dedicated and accepted by Jefferson County, and were built around the rear perimeters of the lots. The sidewalks surround the "arms" of Lakehurst Park, and then connect to the streets of the neighborhood. Because of these walkways, the public can safely and quickly access the park and our surrounding community from any of the homes or roadways that touch the sidewalks in the original platting, without walking on the street.

After the original Lakehurst was built, additional tracts were added, and in Jefferson County documents, these are known as Tract 1, Tract 2, Tract 3 and Tract 4. They were constructed by different developers, and in these developments the sidewalks run adjacent to the front of the homes, in the traditional style.

We believe the Lakehurst sidewalks, no matter how unique, should be treated the same as the other sidewalks in the Lakehurst West neighborhood, where the county has ownership of the easements. We are certain that this was the original intent of the developers, when they passed ownership to Jefferson County, along with the other easements, in the dedication of the original 1963 platting for Lakehurst. We believe it is best for the continuation of our neighborhood's tradition and unique character to have our sidewalks treated like our surrounding neighborhood's sidewalks, where Jefferson County maintains the public walkways.

So far in our discussion with representatives of Jefferson County Planning, they have denied ownership of these easements. This is a problem now because Foothills Parks and Recreation wants to make improvements to the areas they own in Lakehurst Park. They cannot proceed until the issue of the ownership of the sidewalks is resolved. Foothills has sought input from the HOA regarding what types of improvements the residents would like. We have been working closely with Foothills to ensure the stakeholders get the improvements they want. We are asking Jefferson County to accept ownership of the easements and agree to permit Foothills to move forward with the improvements.

Please help us to resolve this issue, so we can continue our park improvement project with Foothills Parks & Rec, while maintaining the unique character of our Lakehurst community, and Lakehurst Park.

Sincerely,

Lakehurst HOA

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