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Uproar over Girl Scout warehouse in Oakton

Residents say the proposed 6,000-square-foot facility would be an eyesore, bring more traffic and lower property values.



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The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and Oakton residents squared off before the Sully District Advisory Council in Chantilly. Council members, from left, are Al Francese, Lewis Grimm, Jeff Parnes, Mark McConn, Rick Vaughan and Priscilla Knight.

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S&W concealed wrote:

8/28/2013 3:18 PM EDT

With all the commotion about gays' being in the Boy Scouts, does the Girl Scouts accept gay leaders and members? Off topic, I know.



CLR15235 wrote:

8/28/2013 1:37 PM EDT

Camp Crowell was created in 1948. A check of public real estate records in Fairfax County shows the homes were built long after Camp Crowell came into being, and long after it became a site for summer camps. The breakout is:

1 home built in 1975

3 in 1976

3 in 1977

1 in 1978

1 in 1987

1 in 1998

Also – by looking at sales record for those properties, two of the owners are original and have been living on Justin Knoll Rd since 1977. The other owners have all taken possession of their homes between 1985 and 2005. All of these homeowners should have been well aware of the existence of Camp Crowell.

I am sure that many of them specifically purchased their homes because they were surrounded by Camp Crowell and took into consideration that it would remain a camp and not be developed. Indeed, many of these neighbors consider Camp Crowell to be their own private nature preserve. Many of them use Camp Crowell to hike, walk their dogs, ride their horses, etc. Many of the other residents of surrounding neighborhoods also use the camp for these purposes.

The neighbors simply cannot be allowed to dictate how the property is used so that it benefits them directly. The property was set aside for the use of scouts and it is to benefit girl scouts. GSCNC has been very accommodating of the neighbors' wants, desires and "needs." GSCNC has made many concessions – including design and access issues.

If you access the GSCNC website, you can read an email sent by Fairfax County Supervisor Michael Frey to his constituents. http://www.gscnc.org/files/Sully_District_Supervisor_Michael_Frey.pdf His letter was direct and spells out the situation very clearly. The scare tactic that approval of this storage facility will lead to other development and potential commercial endeavors is unfounded. The neighbors are deliberately misleading others. And to think that neighbors in their acre+ estates would be bothered by the noise of hail – which happens what? Once per year – is just ridiculous.



Gordon Blvd responds:
8/28/2013 3:59 PM EDT

that may be all well and good.....but it's NOW 2013.....and those homes ARE there.

that area is no place for a warehouse. It's absolutely nuts to think to build one there. I hate to have to side with the richie-richs (lolz).....but they are right on this one - Warehouse delivery trucks arent really needed on Lawyers and Hunter Mill.....

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