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Subject: Proposed Extension of Duneside Road to Beachwalker Drive

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To: Kiawah Island Planning Commission

From: Diane Lehder and Wendy Kulick

Re: Proposed Extension of Duneside Road to Beachwalker Drive

We are writing to express our strong opposition to Kiawah Partners' proposal to extend Duneside Road to Beachwalker Drive. We have been following the debate carefully and we have heard many strong reasons why granting this request would pose serious safety concerns for the community. We will not reiterate those arguments here. We have yet to hear a single, plausible argument how approving this request would be of benefit to the Island.

When the preliminary and conditional plans were submitted for the Timbers project, the proposed cut through at Duneside was not part of the plan. At that time, both Timbers and the Partners assured the Commission and property owners directly affected by the road they would never seek to do so. If Timbers contract with the Partners commits Kiawah Partners to this course of action, the community deserves to know.

It is our understanding that the Planning Commission can deny such requests based on public safety considerations even if the Developer has certain rights in this matter. We can see it now - the Town's attorney advises yes, the Planning Commission can deny the request to connect the roads to protect public safety. The Developer's attorney then argues the Developer's rights trump safety issues (if any), and further - promises to file suit if the request is denied.

What to do?

We have yet to hear a single individual property owner support this proposal. The Mayor and several members of Town Council have spoken out publicly against this plan, and KICA CEO Jimmy Bailey has stated that the KICA Board is unanimous in its opposition to this plan. We urge you, the members of this Commission, to stand your ground and vote NO. Vote for public safety rather than for the convenience of a few individuals who have purchased or will purchase properties in the Developer's latest project outside the Main Gate.

Paraphrasing John Connolly, Chair of the regime board for Sparrow Pond and Greens Lake cottages, a dead end is better than a dead child. When all of you purchased your properties on Kiawah, you automatically became members of KICA. Are you willing to open the door to huge liability lawsuits after the first serious injury or fatality, having been fully forewarned of the danger?

So the Developer threatens to sue. Fine. Let them.

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