

Emailed to Residents 10/12/20

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As has been widely reported to you, Axiom, a developer acting on behalf of Beech Brook, served as the Petitioner and obtained necessary signatures and placed upon this November's ballot an initiative to re-zone Beech Brook and two smaller adjacent properties (approximately 68 acres in total) as a mixed-use, overlay district. That re-zoning plan, its pros and cons, has been widely reported and debated. The initiative appears as Issue 34 on your election ballot, and as of today, it remains alive on the ballot.

To avoid confusion, and, if you do not understand already, Axiom has terminated its contract to purchase the Beech Brook property and develop it. The expectation was that the ballot initiative would also be withdrawn. That has not occurred. The Board of Elections informs us that the ballot issue may only be withdrawn on the request of the Petitioner. That request from the Petitioner is the predicate for the ballot issue to be withdrawn. The Petitioner (Axiom's principle) feels it in turn must first have direction from Beech Brook to make that withdrawal request. Beech Brook has not directed the Petitioner to withdraw the issue and as of this writing and to my understanding does not intend to do so. Although that could change, as of now, the re-zoning ballot issue remains "live" and you should consider it to be so as you fill out your ballot. The initiative appears as Issue 34 on your election ballot. You will be voting on the re-zoning request described, not a particular development plan. Until any notice is received you should treat Issue 34 as an active matter for your consideration and vote. (Even though printed on the ballot, the votes would not be tabulated if the ballot issue is withdrawn.) Thank you and I will update via email if any notice of withdrawal is received by the City.

Sincerely,
Richard Bain