

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Resolution of the Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC)

May 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Advisory Commission (AC) held a public hearing and approved HLBAC Resolution 2021-02 finding it in the best interest of the Municipality to purchase a residential lot in the Stolle subdivision, Lot 5 Block 3, on January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, HLB entered into a Letter of Intent to purchase Stolle Lot 5 Block 3 on January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2021, the agenda for the April 27, 2021 Assembly meeting was posted online which introduced an ordinance authorizing acquisition of the Stolle Lot 5 Block 3 parcel, becoming the first notification to the Bear Valley Community / Stolle Neighborhood of this action; and

WHEREAS, this purchase was **NOT** identified under "Potential Acquisitions" in the HLB 2021 Annual Work Program, which was out for review and comment concurrent with the HLBAC hearing and approval of the Stolle Lot 5, Block 3 purchase: and

WHEREAS, the ordinance was developed without transparency to the affected community and did **NOT** follow HLB public notice procedures per AMC Section 25.40.030; and

WHEREAS, the HLB 2021 Annual Work Program & 2022-2026 Five-Year Management Plan, page 24 states "**Enhance community trust and support for HLB functions and activities by ensuring a transparent, accountable process for proposals, and carefully documenting the decision making process with timely and proper outreach and notice**"; and

WHEREAS, the HLB presentation at the BVCC meeting on May 12, 2021 was done after the fact and any public comment will not change the already issued HLBAC Resolution or Assembly Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Stolle Lot 5, Block 3 parcel is not necessary to provide access to an adjacent HLB lot which has platted legal road access to the east and a pedestrian access easement from the south; and

WHEREAS, the eventual outcome of the purchase of Stolle Lot 5, Block 3 is construction of an access road through the zoned residential lot to a large parking facility on adjacent HLB land adversely affecting neighboring home values; safety, policing, road dust, road maintenance and necessary capital improvements caused by a large increase in traffic on Kings Way, Snow Bear Drive, Black Bear Drive and the Honey Bear Roads; and

WHEREAS, Bear Valley Community Council Resolution 2008-01 urged the Hillside District Plan to delete the priority trailhead at the Stolle location;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bear Valley Community Council requests the HLBAC rescind Resolution 2021-20 and Assembly Ordinance AM201-2021 and reconsider the purchase under an open, transparent process with meaningful public input from the affected community that will be considered as part of the decision-making process.

Our Resolution passed by a majority vote of 10 yeas, 5 nays and 1 abstention.

Adopted and approved by a vote of Bear Valley Community Council members on this day, May 12, 2021.



Cheri Lipps,
Chair, Bear Valley Community Council