July 15, 2015

Dear Lifestyle Communities,

We, the majority of the Worthington City Council, appreciate the willingness of Lifestyle Communities to present conceptual plans in a recent public meeting on June 29, 2015. Each member of Council was in attendance and heard the comments and reactions from the community.

We remain committed to the principles outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and to the Municipal Planning Commission process. At the same time, we are mindful that Council has been elected to represent the interests of all Worthington citizens and that we must always endeavor to do what is best for the community.

The United Methodist Children’s Home site is one of the best opportunities for redevelopment in all of Central Ohio and is vitally important to Worthington. We trust that you also appreciate the significance of this development to all Worthington citizens and will continue to engage in a comprehensive, inclusive community outreach process to listen and respond to the interests of Worthington citizens.

The Comprehensive Plan provides a framework for development. There are numerous ways in which the expressed goals can be interpreted and translated to the site. We understand that your presentation represented an initial concept rather than a formal application or final proposal. Issues raised by the community such as creating abundant green space and parklands, effectively dealing with stormwater, cautiously managing the impact of traffic on adjacent neighborhoods, school capacity, the mix of housing types, amount of residential units and the sizes of buildings are among the many issues you should incorporate into future discussions, studies and conceptual plans.

We trust that a proposal for this land that positively shapes the future of our community can be achieved through dialogue with the community, formal and informal neighborhood and community discussions, interaction with City planning personnel and eventually a thorough review by the Municipal Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

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