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RE: Serenity Creek Subdivision, Preliminary Site Plan Submittal, 2303 Pope Road -- Request for Specific Approval for LDC Sections 714.8.7 (Tree Replacement), 715.3.2.3, Option E (Perimeter Landscape Buffer Options)

Dear Lisa and Rossina:

Pursuant to the above-referenced PSP submittal for Serenity Creek Subdivision, the applicant is hereby requesting specific approval as follows:

1. Alternative to LDC Section 714.8.7 which requires a minimum replacement caliper of three inches, five inches and seven inches for existing trees to be removed with sizes of four to fifteen inches D.B.H., sixteen to thirty inches D.B.H. and over thirty inches D.B.H., respectively.

a. **Justification** – The applicant requests Specific Approval for an alternative to Section 714.8.7 of the LDC to allow for replacement trees to be planted at 3”/4”/4” (with the same ratios to apply) in place of 3”/5”/7”. This would allow replacement sizes to be in line with the upcoming LDC amendments to the Tree Protection section of the Code.

2. Alternative to LDC Section 715.3.2.3, Option E which requires a solid, decorative, opaque wall a minimum six (6) feet in height placed at the interior edge of the greenbelt buffer and the landscaping shall be placed on the exterior side of the wall.

a. **Justification** – The applicant request Specific Approval for an alternative to Section 715.3.2.3 of the LDC to allow for the placement of a proposed six foot high opaque fence along the exterior edge of the greenbelt buffer with the landscaping placed on the interior side of the wall. This would provide more privacy to future residents in lots 98 through 103 and minimize impacts to the existing residents at 2215 Pope Road Bradenton, FL 34211, Parcel ID. 568410054. It will not reduce to width of the greenbelt buffer.

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For all of these reasons, we respectfully request specific approval as detailed above. The intent is to promote a more walkable, neighborhood friendly community. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ICARD, MERRILL, CULLIS, TIMM, FUREN & GINSBURG, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Merrill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William W. Merrill, III

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cc: Armando Cabre
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