

APPEAL TO THE MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR SUPPORT OF GOLDEN, KANSAS INCORPORATION

Good afternoon Commissioners. My name is Carl Peer, and I'm attending this meeting today with my wife, Patricia, to ask for your vote supporting the incorporation of the area in northern Miami County to be identified as "Golden, Kansas". As you know this area lies between the Big Bull Creek and Little Bull Creek arms of the Hillsdale Lake.

I have lived in this area since 1959 and my wife and I purchased land a mile from where I grew up in the fall of 1974. We have observed the construction of the LPKC Intermodal facility since it's inception and back then the project's Master Plan indicated the facility would be built NORTH of I-35. As the project grew a variety of LLC's were formed under various titles: Wellsville Land and Cattle Co.; Hillsdale Land Co.; and a variety of other titles designed to mislead landowners and misrepresent the purpose behind acquiring rural properties. As the years progressed and people began to see what was actually happening on the land parcels being acquired, it became obvious these LLC's were shell corporations for NorthPoint Properties out of Riverside Missouri. Their sole purpose was (and still is) to acquire as much land as possible to erect warehouses, transportation, and storage facilities to support the LPKC Intermodal Railroad facility.

I attended a meeting in Edgerton a little over 3 years ago where a NorthPoint representative told the audience they have requests for about 100 million square feet of warehouse space. I pointed out that he was talking about over 100 giant warehouses, to which he replied, " Well yes, but Gardner will get 8 to 10, Edgerton will get about the same, and surrounding communities, Wellsville, Eudora, DeSoto, Paola, etc. will all get some too." This was a bold-faced lie. As the current land acquisitions prove, these warehouses are all being built as close to LPKC as possible! Edgerton figured out how to jump to the south side of I-35 and the process of voraciously annexing real estate South and East of Gardner began.

My wife tried to organize a group of concerned citizens 3 years ago, but many people shrugged off the information she compiled and believed NorthPoint would follow their original plans. This was a terrible mistake.

Very very seldom do common citizens have a chance to defend themselves against the intense power and financial backing of huge real estate developers like NorthPoint. That's why we are so extremely grateful to Jennifer Williams and her efforts to organize us so we can protect what we love. Our homes and properties, our rural way of life, the natural resources around us (like the Hillsdale Lake and its watershed area)----- It is our sincerest hope that each one of you will recognize the importance of our petition and vote to allow the incorporation of Golden KS. Edgerton is annexing land threatening to encircle Gardner and this is our last chance to stop them from heading south into the farms, rural properties, and the Hillsdale Lake watershed we are trying to protect.

Thank you for your time and service to our Miami county citizens.

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