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[Planning] Deny HDHO requirement appeals

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Dear Grand County Planning Staff and Hearing Officer,

I am surprised at the gall of the three developers appealing the requirement that they follow the clear rules of the High Density Housing Overlay Ordinances. I followed the development of the HDHOs some years ago, and followed the argument that we needed to allow some increased density in exchange for most of the housing going to local workers. HDHO approvals have been granted to these developers by the county; now the rules for selling (or renting) at least 80% of the units to local workers must be upheld. If they have reconsidered and don't want to follow the HDHO rules they were well aware of (or should have been), they should be required to forfeit the HDHO approvals. Allowing otherwise would be a step backwards for the county's housing shortage, and a slap in the face to the neighbors that were so concerned about increased density over zoning allowances.

Also, whenever absentee non-local landlords get involved, it tends to drive rents and housing costs yet higher; one purpose of keeping ownership local was to slow down skyrocketing housing costs. This intent would also be forfeited if the appeals are upheld.

In sum, why make rules, especially ones so carefully considered and argued about, if they are not upheld? Please deny these appeals.

And thanks for your work for the people of Grand County.

Sincerely,
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