

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**From:** Don & Shirley Adams <adamsinwhoville@sunflower.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2014 12:00 PM  
**To:** Bobbie Walthall  
**Subject:** City Commissioner meeting, May 6, 2014

To:  
Mike Amyx, Mayor  
Jeremy Farmer, vice mayor  
Michael Dever  
Dr. Terry Riordan  
Bob Schumm

Subject: Commission Approvals for Bauer Farm Development

Gentlemen:

We live in Briarwood, which, as you know, is near the Bauer Farm Property. We were grateful to the Board of Commissioners that disapproved the addition of a big box retail store (Lowe's) based on the prior commitment to the area neighbors to keep the property unique with charm and character. The commercial development along the south end of the property bordering Wakarusa works well and Meadowlark and the Theater Lawrence are appropriate tenants. However, we understand the Planning Commission has approved zoning that would allow more traditional building such as apartments, and commercial retail that could significantly change the character potential of the property. We understand that plans and circumstances change and new considerations are needed. We only ask that you do not allow this property to turn into another typical commercial and/or multiple housing complex that loses its character potential. The area currently has significant apartment housing West of Wal-Mart and Lawrence doesn't seem to have any shortage of property more appropriate for apartments. In the case of Bauer Farms, we believe that the City has an opportunity to do something very special and attractive and we hope you will seriously consider keeping that a focus on projects you approve. Thank you for your service to our City and we hope you will take our request in the spirit it is meant and that is to keep our City functional, but uniquely attractive. Thank You.

Respectively,

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