



Friends of Hauke Park FAQs

- **Who is behind Friends of Hauke Park (FOHP)?**

FOHP is an unincorporated association formed by neighbors in Enchanted Knolls, Shelter Ridge, and surrounding areas. If you would like to be more involved, we are forming working groups that you may be interested in joining. We will be sending more information about that soon. If you would like to be on the Advisory Committee, please contact us at: info@haukepark.org

- **Why was FOHP formed?**

When neighbors in Enchanted Knolls, Shelter Ridge, and surrounding areas learned of the proposed project, we sought to provide input into the project when it was under consideration by the Housing Advisory Committee, and again when it was before the City Council. We engaged in a serious effort to be heard by our representatives through the normal democratic process, including:

- over 300 comment letters sent to the City Council opposing the scale of the project,
- over 1000 signatures on our Change.org Petition,
- dozens of speakers at Committee and Council meetings, and
- meeting with members of the City Council.

Through these efforts we raised significant issues about: building height, density, impact on Hauke Park, parking, traffic, safety, inclusiveness, alternative sites, preserving a one-way Hamilton, water use, accessibility, walkability, proximity to public transit and environmental impact. We also raised procedural and fairness concerns about the site selection process.

Nevertheless, the City Council voted unanimously to proceed, and all of these issues remain unaddressed. **It is important to note that the City proceeded to approve development at 1 Hamilton even though their own Consultant stated that a Boyle Park site was originally identified as a superior location, but was taken out of consideration due to concerns about generating neighborhood opposition.**

Although our own elected officials have ignored all of our concerns, even recently mocking them at a City Council meeting, they have been very solicitous of out-of-town housing advocates eager to mischaracterize FOHP efforts as 'nimbyism.'

After approval of the project, the City moved swiftly to issue a **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)** to select a developer. The RFQ makes clear that the City intends to continue to minimize and downplay our concerns throughout the bidding, design and construction phases.

In light of all these events, neighbors organized ourselves into Friends of Hauke Park (FOHP) - to better participate in the process.

- **What do you hope to achieve?**

Our goal is to downsize the proposed project so that it fits into our neighborhood and Mill Valley generally. The City intends to build a 4-story, 40+ unit box-like structure in a neighborhood of single family homes, in a location with poor vehicle access, limited parking, and safety concerns for pedestrians accessing Hauke Park. We hope to reduce the height of the structure, to scale back the number of units to preserve the low-density character of Enchanted Knolls, Shelter Ridge, and Mill Valley, and to have genuine input into the design so that future residents are integrated into the neighborhood in a positive way. **We are not trying to prevent all affordable housing at the site.**

- **Why aren't you a 501(c)(3)/non-profit?**

It takes a significant amount of time and money to form a 501(c)(3) organization. IRS processing of an application for tax-exempt status can take many months. We cannot wait that long because we need to raise funds immediately to assure input at early, critical stages of the process.