
Neighbor Support for the Ark on Lanier Special Use Permit

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of the Special Use Permit application for the Ark on Lanier property.

My family and I have owned neighboring property since the 1970s. Over those many years, we have come to appreciate the importance of being respectful property owners and considerate neighbors. We also recognize that Lake Lanier serves a much broader community and has long supported a variety of recreational, family, commercial, public, and social activities. While homeowners naturally value peace and privacy, living on Lake Lanier is different from living on a small private lake or within a neighborhood governed by a homeowner's association, and it is unreasonable for homeowners to treat it as such.

Because of our decades of firsthand experience as neighboring property owners, I encourage the Commission to place significant weight on those with direct knowledge of the property, its history, and the conduct of its owners. Throughout the years, we have consistently observed Jeff Hylton to be a thoughtful steward of the Ark on Lanier property and a very respectful neighbor. The property is immaculately maintained, enhances the character of the surrounding area, and contributes positively to nearby property values. Based on our experience, I am confident it will continue to be operated in a manner that respects both neighboring homeowners and the broader Chestatee area.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Commission to approve the Special Use Permit. If the Commission believes additional safeguards are appropriate, I see no reason why reasonable conditions could not be incorporated into the permit to address any remaining concerns while allowing this well-managed property to further serve the community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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