Rezoning request withdrawn

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SENECA — A rezoning request that was part of a plan to bring 17 townhouses to a community and opposed by nearby homeowners has been withdrawn.

City Planner Tamy Sanford said the withdrawal of the request by owners Gary and Leslie Phillips means that the rezoning request will not be presented to Seneca City Council at its monthly meeting tonight.

About 50 residents of the White Oak Cliffs and nearby communities attended a Seneca Planning and Development Commission last month to express their concerns about the proposal. Property owners said they were concerned about the effect the development would have on a variety of issues, including traffic, safety and property values. The commission voted last month to recommend that City Council deny the request.

"That's what we had hoped for," said Larry Edwards, president of the White Oak Cliffs Property Owners Association. "Our intent was never to prevent Mr. Phillips from exercising his right to profit from his property. We just felt this venture was out of balance with the properties around it."

J.D. Mainous, the developer for the proposed project, said after the meeting last month that he did not know what future plans are for the property.

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