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Plaintiff Pro Per

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

NANCY KNIGHT,

Plaintiff.

and

GLEN LUDWIG and PEARL LUDWIG, Trustees of THE LUDWIG FAMILY TRUST: FAIRWAY CONSTRUCTORS, INC.; MEHDI AZARMI; JAMES B. ROBERTS and) DONNA M. ROBERTS, husband and wife: JOHN DOES 1-10; JANE DOES 1-10; ABC CORPORATIONS 1-10: and XYZ PARTNERSHIPS 1-10.

Defendants.

Case No.: **CV 2018-04003**

REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR **CLARIFICATION OF COURT** ORDER/NOTICE/RULING AND RECONSIDERATION OF RULINGS DATED OCTOBER 30, 2019

Honorable Lee Jantzen

Plaintiff is in receipt of the Defendants' Response dated November 25, 2019. Plaintiff's seeking "Clarification" is in regards to the Rulings dated October 30. 2019 where the Court cited his decision "as the same logic as prior courts". Plaintiff respectfully seeks the court's findings of fact and for the Court to state his own conclusions on which his rulings were based. Plaintiff has shown that the same logic used by prior courts does not exist today. Plaintiff will show, in this Reply and using definitions and exhibits provided by the Defendants in their Response, that Tract 4076-B

is not a separate subdivision from the whole Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 Subdivision. Plaintiff will show that the Carlisle Court erred due to the shaded view of Lillard v. Jet Homes that Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates was not one subdivision but rather several separate subdivisions. The Carlisle Court's shaded view obscured the preponderance of evidentiary facts that included Defendant Ludwigs own letter dated June 11, 2014, submitted to the Arizona Department of Real Estate, that states on page 9 of the Subdivision Report: "Glen L. Ludwig, P.E. of Ludwig Engineering Associates, Inc. in his letter dated April 15, 2014 states that Desert Lakes Estates and Golf Course is a recorded subdivision with tract numbers 4076-A thru 4076-H that consists of 575 home sites. Tract 4076-A therefore is NOT a stand-alone subdivision as claimed by Attorney Oehler. The Master Planned subdivision is Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 as evidenced by an approved Preliminary Plat divided into four phases for development. Phase I Tract 4076-A is not a separate subdivision. (Emphasis supplied).

The intention to establish a uniform scheme or plan of development is a question of fact that has been proven for Desert Lakes Subdivision Tract 4076. The Court should have no difficulty in finding that the intended purpose of the CC&R Declarations for "said tracts" was to create a common scheme of development for the entire "subdivision" Tract 4076.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Plaintiff submitted a "Preliminary Plat" that was approved for the Tract 4076 Subdivision with four planned phases of development (I, II, III, IV) as part of the

 approved plat. Given that this Preliminary Plat was approved, it opened the door for the Board of Supervisors to approve the Final Plat for Phase I Tract 4076-A. The preliminary plat had legal efficacy before any final plat could be submitted to the Board.

Defendants' Exhibit B-2 displays the "County Certificate" for the Final Plat for Phase I Tract 4076-A that was signed by three county officials and states: "This plat has been checked for conformance to the <u>approved preliminary plat</u> and for conformance to the requirements of a final subdivision plan, and appears to comply with all requirements within my jurisdiction to check and evaluate."

In the Defendant's own list of definitions, as cited on page 3 of their Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Clarification, we find definitions "as they exist today". Plaintiff has requested Development Services to do a lookup for how developers were assigned Tract numbers back in the 1988/1989 time frame. If the Court please, we shall assume today's definitions for Preliminary Plat and Final Plat are relevant to the matter at hand.

"Preliminary Plat: A map design, including supporting data, drawn to show the development of six (6) of more lots or parcels to <u>create a subdivision</u> and as prepared in accordance with these regulations." (Emphasis supplied).

In the case of Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates, the definition for "Phase" is irrelevant as the four phases of development were a part of the Preliminary Plat and are not to be construed as separate subdivisions independent from the <u>subdivision created by the Preliminary Plat.</u> (Emphasis supplied).

"Final Plat: A map of long-term reproducible material, <u>describing the subdivision</u> development of six (6) or more lots or parcels, prepared in accordance with these regulations and recorded in the office of the County Recorder, after approval by the Board of Supervisors." (Emphasis supplied).

The approved Preliminary Plat is not a recorded document. Phase I Tract 4076-A is the combined description for six (6) or more lots and parcels within the subdivision of Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 that was created by the approved Preliminary Plat. The Mohave County Treasurer's Property Tax Statement provides property owners with the Assessor's Description: "Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Phase I Tract 4076-A".

The approved Preliminary Plat created the subdivision known and marketed as Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates. Final Plats described the lots within the subdivision's phases of development. Plaintiff believes it to be an injustice to limit all property owners, including herself, with limited rights to prosecution within a phase of development rather than rights to prosecution of violations, attempted and threatened violations within the entire Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Subdivision Tract 4076.

Defendants appear to be suffering from the erroneous belief that their egregious contempt for rules will be supported by the Court. A law suit is not a game for an experienced opposing counsel to defend his guilty clients with false or misleading statements, such as highlighting everything in Exhibit B-2 except the important signed

statement by county officials regarding the approved preliminary plat. A law suit is a method used in a civilized society to settle disputes between litigants in the interest of "justice for all" and based on fact and law.

FACT: A preponderance of evidence submitted to the Court shows that Tract 4076 was the Subdivision designation for Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates. A preponderance of evidence has been submitted to the court supporting the description of Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates as a 300+ acre master planned community.

LAW:

Murphy v. Marino, La.App. 1st Cir., 1952, 60 So. 2d 128, In order to create a binding covenant running with the land in a subdivision which is enforceable by any purchaser of property therein, there should be a uniform plan of restriction applicable to the subdivision as a whole, or to a particular part of the subdivision known to each purchaser, and, thereby, by reference or by implication, forming a part of his contract with the subdivider.

The uniform plan of restrictions which are pertinent parts of the matter at hand and that are applicable to the Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 Master Planned Subdivision as a whole, is for the 20 foot front and rear building and projection setbacks and no advertising signage on unimproved lots. Recent investigations into other offences includes the minimum square footage of living space for homes adjacent to the golf course.

If there is a conflict with county zoning ordinances, the more restrictive governs. Lack of enforcement is not a proven fact in Desert Lakes Tract 4076; however, it is irrelevant as the CC&Rs state in paragraph 19 of Tract 4076-A and in paragraph 20 of Tract 4076-B:

"If there shall be a violation or threatened or attempted violation of any of the foregoing covenants, conditions or restrictions it shall be lawful for Declarant, its successors or assigns, the corporation whose members are the lot owners or any person or persons owning real property located within the subdivision to prosecute proceedings at law or in equity against all persons violating or attempting to or threatening to violate any such covenant, restrictions or conditions and prevent such violating party from so doing or to recover damages or other dues for such violations. ..." "No failure of the Trustee or any other person or party to enforce any of the restrictions, covenants or conditions contained herein shall, in any event, be construed or held to be a waiver thereof or consent to any further or succeeding breach or violation thereof..." (Emphasis supplied)

All of these uniform plans of restrictions were known to each purchaser of lots in Desert Lakes Tract 4076. It is the law that CC&Rs are disclosed to buyers. These restrictions are enforceable by any purchaser of property therein and therefore the Plaintiff claims enforcement rights.

As cited in *Lillard v Jet Homes*: "Where these principles must be applied to determine one's right to enforce a covenant, it becomes necessary to define" (1) a "plan of development," (2) the basic nature of the rights acquired, and (3) a grantee under such plan of development.

The Plaintiff contends legal principles support the plaintiff's case as a grantee under a general plan of development (the approved preliminary plat) with imposed upon restrictions for the purpose of mutuality of benefit and burdens (the CC&Rs) as it is for all property owners within the entire Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Subdivision Tract 4076.

Had Lawyers Title wanted to limit prosecution rights to property owners in "said tract" they would have made that specification clear in the Declaration. They did not.

 They made it clear that property owners in the "subdivision" (Tract 4076-A, para. 19, line 6) had prosecution rights and even implied a duty to "prevent" (Tract 4076-A, para. 19, line 8) violations. Identical language in Tract 4076-B, but in para. 20).

Plaintiff considers examples of other subdivisions in Mohave County with Tract numbers that have appended hyphenated alpha characters added to the Tract number as relevant. Especially, for properties owned by the Defendants and their legal counsel who have knowledge as developers and real estate investors that the Court and Plaintiff do not have. Effective defenses against misleading claims that could adversely affect a fair and impartial judgment based on truth and full disclosure is the intent for these relevant facts.

Plaintiff's request for "clarification" is in regards to judicial duty to have evaluated the evidence and to provide the Plaintiff with the court's findings of fact and for the Court to state his own conclusions on which his rulings were based.

Regarding the disagreement of the ADRE letter of law that the Developer's sign is not a for sale sign, the Plaintiff has had to look up what the meaning of fact and law means to the Court. While it is still not clear, to that end, Plaintiff has now filed a Motion for Summary Judgment that may be more appropriate for a decision of the Court on the signage issue as opposed to the Motions for Declaratory Judgment on signs. It is the Plaintiff's understanding that the federal courts recognize affirmative duties on the part of judges that may apply to Arizona courts as well for accommodating the needs of self-represented litigants. It would have been helpful for both Hon. Judges Gordon and Jantzen to respond to the Plaintiff on what they meant by fact and law as opposed to the Plaintiff's lay language of opinion versus fact or on law that the Plaintiff thought would

suffice based on the application of Real Estate Law. We shall see when the Court addresses the MSJ that was filed on or about Nov. 25, 2019.

There has never been an abandonment of the CC&Rs. The Defendant's have not even proven that for thirty years the CC&Rs were not imposed upon developers. The fact is clear that T&M Development who built the Plaintiff's home, had fencing designs and materials imposed upon him and he assured that his block wall contractor followed the wrought iron panel design in the Plaintiff's rear yard and in the return of her side yard fence. Desert Lakes is a beautiful community that but for greed and contempt of the rules by some developers, is at risk this late in the course of development where approximately 25% of the lots are still undeveloped. There is no polite way to address this challenge by the Defendants who have so much contempt for the rules that they do not recognize the non-waiver provision of the CC&Rs and their Counsel refuses to recognize all of the CC&R enforcements that he was a party to in mediation of case CV 2016 04026.

The subdivision map provided by the Defendants as Exhibit E confuses the difference between Desert Lakes Estates and Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates. The relevant line item is the last line where the County should have identified this TIF as the Plaintiff's survey that was required to prove ownership of her side yard fence in CV 2016 04026 where Mr. Oehler defended another perpetrator who refused the follow the rules and worse.

Plaintiff believes the Jantzen Court now has an exhaustive preponderance of evidence in the Court files that Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 is

indeed one subdivision including the approved Preliminary Plat that created the Subdivision. No more shading of the Court's views by the defense counsel.

Plaintiff repeats: "If there shall be a violation or threatened or attempted violation of any of the foregoing covenants, conditions or restrictions it shall be lawful for Declarant, its successors or assigns, the corporation whose members are the lot owners or any person or persons owning real property located within the subdivision to prosecute proceedings at law or in equity...". It is incumbent upon the Court to recognize that the language above does not limit prosecution rights to persons owning real property located within "said tract". (Underscores for emphasis).

Plaintiff pleads for clarification of the Court's evaluation of the preponderance of evidence related to the extensive history of Desert Lakes Golf Course and Estates Tract 4076 and to provide the Plaintiff with conclusions based on fact and law.

Plaintiff pleads for denial of Defendants request for attorney fees in this matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of December, 2019

Nancy Knight

Plaintiff Pro Per

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