

**Addenda
Minnetonka City Council Meeting
Meeting of November 9, 2020**

ITEM 10C – Items concerning public buildings at Crane Lake Park at 11905 Ridgedale Drive and the new Park at Ridgedale at 12590 Ridgedale Drive

Attached is an email comment submitted by a resident.

ITEM 14A – Conditional use permit for a licensed residential care facility at 12701 Lake Street Extension

The attached comments were received after distribution of the packet.

ITEM 14B – Addition of Groveland Elementary School Crossing to CIP

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TO: City Council
FROM: Julie Wischnack, AICP, Community Development Director
DATE: Nov. 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Nov. 9, 2020 City Council Meeting

ITEM 10C – Public buildings at Crane Lake Park and the new Park at Ridgedale

The following email was received after the distribution of the packet.

From: RichardBloom
Date: November 5, 2020 at 2:55:02 PM CST
To: acauley@minnetonka.gov
Subject: New Parks

The new parks being considered near the Minnetonka Library are supposed to be added to the use and enjoyment of those new residents of the two new apartment buildings being built in the area. However they are proposed, there will be an ever increasing usage of the main road transversing the area making the parks somewhat dangerous for children or even adults to reach. I am sure the idea of the parks was thoroughly reviewed but they won't be easily reached, especially the one near the lake. I am probably too late for any new signage or even any new study but this is my opinion from seeing this area become so populated with so many new residents. Richard Bloom

ITEM 14A– Plateau Health Care, 12701 Lake Street Extension

The attached comments were received after publication of the council packet.

November 6, 2020

Honorable Members of Council, City Staff
Minnetonka City Council Meeting
Nov. 9, 2020

Re: Plateau Project - Lake Street Extension

Dear Council Members, City Staff,

First, thank you to all of you for taking our phone calls, memos, and listening to our concerns as we all review Plateau's project for our area.

After reviewing several of the neighborhood's concerns, as well as my own observations (I'm immediately impacted by Plateau's building as I'm across the street,) I wish to make the following comments:

1. **Plateau's project is ill conceived from the start. The Property was purchased WITHOUT knowing if their plans for developing this Property would be approved at all.**
2. **Plateau made no attempt to notify us as residents of their plans, through a neighborhood meeting or contacting us ahead of time to discuss their project and reassure us it would "fit" our residential R-1 area.**
3. **The first we heard of Plateau's Plans was through a mailing by the City of the Planning Commission hearing with just a few days to go prior to the session.**
4. **Only then, once Plateau realized they would be facing opposition, did we receive any contact from Plateau. (We received a Letter from them just a day or two ahead of the session.)**
5. **There are several shortcomings with the packet that Plateau furnished to the City. Plateau is creating the impression that their project is on a lot surrounding by trees, woodland, in all directions. Most importantly from my view:**
 - a. **no pictures were included of our houses immediately across the street from Plateau, or the homes on Windridge Circle that Plateau's building will be facing.**
 - b. **no pictures were included of the large hill to the East which presents traffic and safety hazards to Plateau's proposed residents. Over a 10% grade this hill has been responsible for numerous spinouts, destroyed guard rails, chewed up lawns from people forced to turn around in our driveways (or sliding in to the yard) in our six months of winter in particular.**

Further, there are no sidewalks in our area. Disabled residents have no place to walk on our busy street. (that includes us, even simple things like getting the mail, pulling in and out of our driveways, etc., not just at rush hour times)
 - c. **Plateau's blueprints furnished to you of their building only show one house adjacent to them and Lake Street Extension as a through street, comparing Lake Street to other busy streets in our area. . Our houses across from Plateau, including all of**

Windridge Circle and parts of Merriam Road, are conveniently left out of their diagrams and pictures.

d. Lake Street Extension in this area, while a through street, is very narrow, (per the pics that will be presented) it IS NOT Minnetonka Boulevard or Excelsior Boulevard which the Plateau package purports to show it is.

e. Plateau goes on for support in their packet to show at least three other buildings in our area where the Council has approved 12 residents in a residential area. A review of these three related projects indicates we are not comparing the same things;

i. is a former convent connected with a church (on a large lot separated by trees on both sides from the majority of the neighborhood.

ii. a large house on a large wooded lot, again separated from neighbors by trees on both sides, AND set far back from the very busy Shady Oak Road (not the case here)

iii. the third project faces Highway 7, on a short street, providing access to it, again away from surrounding residents as a result.

6. The majority of us wanted to present these objections/points to Plateau's Plans at the Planning Commission meeting.

Unfortunately, only a handful of us were able to speak which may have made it appear to the Commission that there was little opposition in our area to Plateau's project.

We've found since that meeting that there were other residents who had signed up to speak, had called in, and unfortunately weren't called on to do so.

That factor also extended to other written objections to Plateau's project which unfortunately Do Not appear to have been included in the information the Planning Commission received.

6. To Summarize:

i. Minnetonka's City Plans talk about "fit" and Character of the Neighborhood.

2. Plateau alludes to this in their packet, a paragraph in bold talking about how their plans fit our neighborhood character and therefore they should be approved.

3. But, Plateau's Plans DO NOT FIT. This is a Commercial Building on a small lot that definitely affects the character of our neighborhood and several of us immediately and constantly as residents by the 24 hour activities there that will result.

4. We already have other similar facilities nearby. (6 residents or less) The City needs to decide if our area continues to be residential or if it is going to become commercialized by approving additional facilities like this in our neighborhood.

Plateau's plans should be declined by the Council accordingly, not only for the above reasons but those that will be presented by my neighbors this evening as well.

Thank you,

Brad Wistrom
12618 Lake Street Extension
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Petition Re: 12701 Lake Street Extension / Plateau Healthcare Proposed Development

To the Minnetonka City Council and Mayor:

SUMMARY: The City of Minnetonka is considering a request for a conditional use permit by Plateau Healthcare to remove the existing single-family home at 12701 Lake Street Extension and build a 12-person residential care facility in its place. Neighbors near the proposed site express the following concerns related to the project:

*Residential vs Commercial: Sizing, scale, parking, and site development are all comparable to a commercial property; 3-5x larger than most of the nearby homes; lower resale value of nearby homes.

*Road Safety: Increased traffic; East hill has a steep incline and dangerous conditions in the winter; speed limit on Lake Street Extension is often ignored; no sidewalk or shoulder on Lake Street Extension.

*Saturation of Residential Care Facilities: Two full-time residential care facilities are already within three blocks of the site and at least three additional residential care facilities are within a mile of the proposed site.

*Neighborhood Disruptions 24 hours x 7 days per week: Frequent ambulance calls for a critical care patient population; bright lighting; impact on vegetation and wildlife; headlights shining into home windows.

*Sustainability: If Plateau sells facility or changes business model, the lot will permanently be a commercial facility in the middle of a single-family neighborhood; unknown uses of the facility long-term.

*Communication to Neighborhood is Lacking: Short notice given to neighbors prior to the Planning Commission meeting vote; no neighborhood meeting presented to neighbors by the City or Plateau to learn about project and ask questions.

We, the undersigned, are concerned neighbors who request that the City of Minnetonka deny the conditional use permit request by Plateau Healthcare to build a 12-person residential care facility at 12701 Lake Street Extension.

****The undersigned electronic signatures were collected via Google Forms***

Name & Address
Derrick Diedrick - 4213 Merriam Rd
Emily Diedrick - 4213 Merriam Rd
Rose Herring - 4200 Merriam Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305
Frank Homan - 4200 Merriam Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305
Diana Sweeney 4130 Windridge Circle Minnetonka, MN 55305
Kate Kellett, 4201 Merriam Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55305
Mike Pietrowski, 4201 Merriam Road, Minnetonka MN 55343
Brendan Sweeney 4130 windridge circle minnetonka mn, 55305
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Molly Luke 4109 Windridge Circle Minnetonka MN
Dan Soderberg - 4100 Merriam Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55305
Jenny Anderson, 4177 Hull Road, Minnetonka MN 55305
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Kris Louwagie 12600 Lake Street Extension Minnetonka, MN. 55305
Susan Turzinski 4142 Windridge Circle, Mtka
Daniel Turzinski 4142 Windridge Circle, Mtka

Name	Address	Signature
Rachel Fulsaas	4142 Windridge Cir	Rachel Fulsaas
Brad Distrom	12618 Lake St Ext Minnetonka	Brad Distrom

Name	Address	Signature
Carol, Don Colvin	12689 Lake St Ext	Carol Colvin Don Colvin
Gina Genadek	12731 St Ext Lake St Ext	Gina Genadek
Tom Suerth	4125 Windridge Circle	Tom R. Suerth
Yvonne Howeg	4126 Merriam Road	Yvonne Howeg
Don Chamberlain	4125 Windridge Circle	Don Chamberlain
Brad Welberg	4133 Windridge Circle	Brad Welberg
TERRY LUCE	4109 WINDRIDGE CIR	Terry Luce
LISA WELBERG	4133 WINDRIDGE CIR	Lisa Welberg
MIKE + MARI MATHIOWITZ	4117 WINDRIDGE CIR	Mike + Mari Mathiowitz
JON GEISINGER	4142 WINDRIDGE CIR	Jon Geisinger

Petition Re: Plateau Healthcare Residential Facility at 12701 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka

From: [Julie Wischnack](#)
To: [Loren Gordon](#)
Subject: FW: Videos of Cars Sliding on Lake Street Extension.
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 8:44:58 AM

From: Geralyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Julie Wischnack <jwischnack@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: FW: Videos of Cars Sliding on Lake Street Extension.

[For the addendum. Also note the info re: video.](#)

From: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Geralyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Videos of Cars Sliding on Lake Street Extension.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeffrey Louwagie <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 7, 2020 at 2:46:11 PM CST
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Re: Videos of Cars Sliding on Lake Street Extension.

Thanks for visiting Carol and for the update.

Jeff

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2020, at 2:35 PM, Deborah Calvert
<dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> wrote:

Hi Jeff- I visited the property and talked to the next door neighbor
and took lots of pictures. I'll watch the videos. Thanks for sending.

Deb

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2020, at 11:23 AM, Jeffrey Louwagie

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Good morning. I am Jeff Louwagie, 12600 Lake Street Extension. I am writing in regard to the upcoming City Council meeting on 09Nov20, Plateau Healthcare. I will be sending a presentation for the meeting later today, however, this email is to illustrate what happens on Lake Street Extension in front of my house when the hill becomes slippery in winter conditions. Please see the attached videos.

I don't think that showing the videos in the meeting on Monday will work very well, thus, I am sending for your preview now. Please think of these videos as we talk through the presentation that I will deliver Monday evening regarding the neighborhood opposition to the CUP proposed by Plateau Healthcare.

Thanks, Jeff Louwagie

[REDACTED]

Redevelopment of 12701 Lake Street Extension

Neighborhood Opposition to Plans Proposed by
Plateau Healthcare

Conditional Use Permit Request

09Nov20 Minnetonka City Council Meeting

Points to be Covered

- Character of the Neighborhood
- Density of Residential Facilities
- Road Safety
- Neighborhood Disruptions

Does a 12-unit Commercial Facility Fit the Character of the Neighborhood?

Some things to consider....

- **Q. Would a purpose-built commercial care facility ever be a single-family home (R1) again?**
 - **12-Unit Facility?**
 - **A. Very Unlikely.**
 - **6-Unit Facility?**
 - **A. Maybe.**

- **6,500 Square foot building is not representative of the surrounding neighborhood.**
 - **2¹/₂ to 8 times larger than directly adjacent homes (ref. next slide).**

- **Q. What will this facility do to the neighbors' property values?**
 - **A. Will de-value neighboring properties.**
 - **Who would be willing to purchase a home near a large commercial building?**

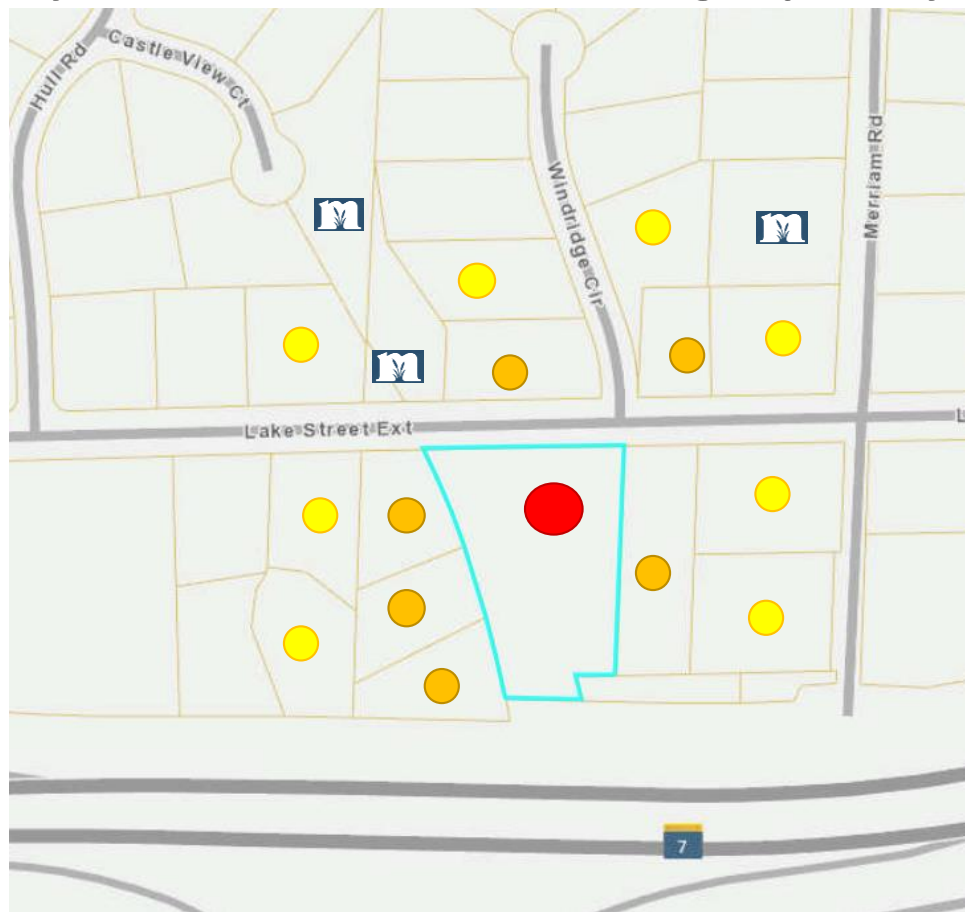
Character of the Neighborhood?

Some things to consider....

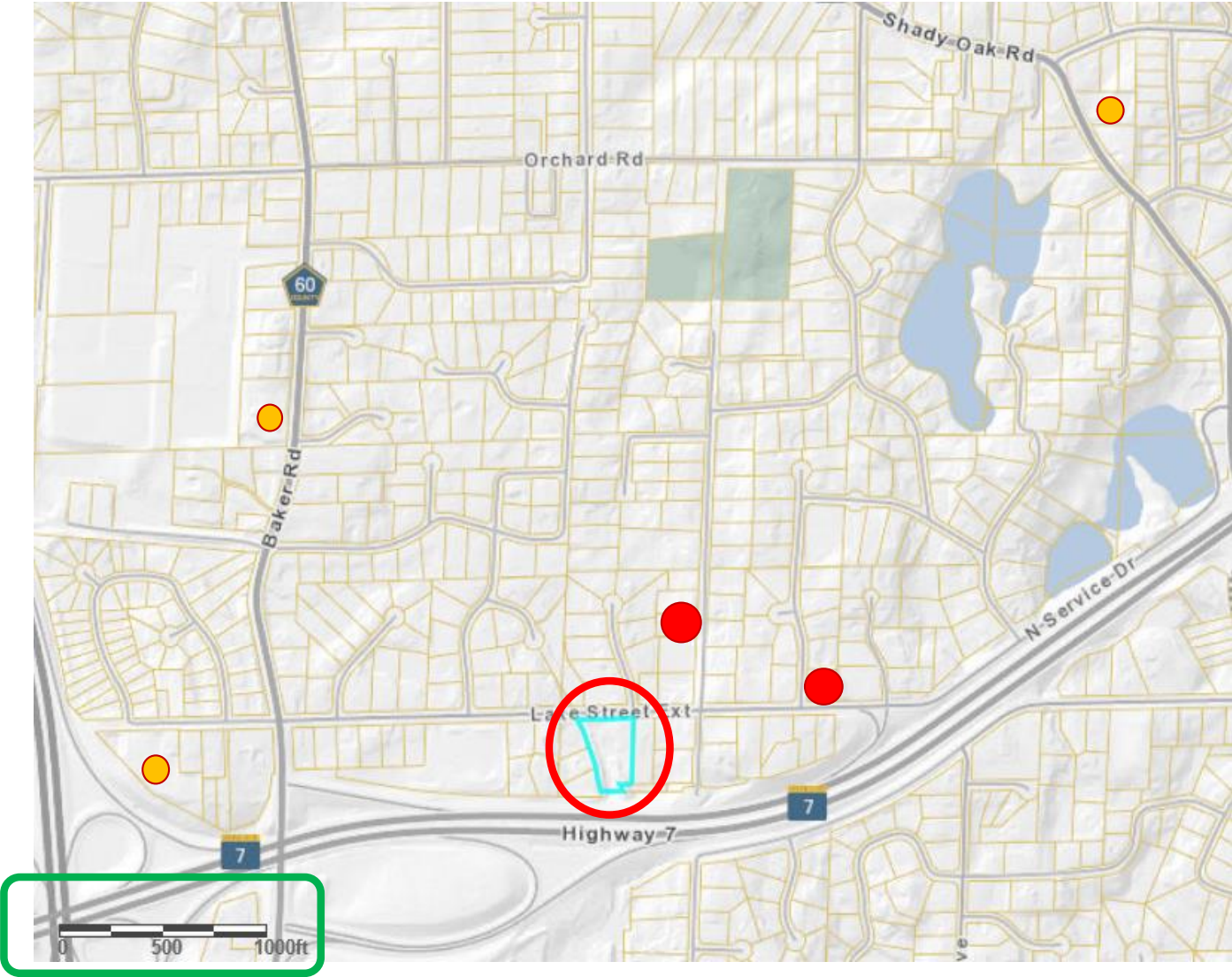
- **Square footage of nearby single-family homes;**
Orange zone: immediate adjacency Yellow zone: second-ring adjacency

	Yellow Zone ●	Orange Zone ●	Plateau HC ●
Average Home Size (F. Sq. Ft.)	2,440	1,708	6,500
Minimum Home (F. Sq. Ft.)	1,555	826	--
Maximum Home (F. Sq. Ft.)	4,738	2,674	--

Data Source: Realtor.com



Density of Residential Facilities Continues to Grow



The Hill: 12% Grade; Blind Intersection Lake Street Extension & Merriam Road

What does 12% look like?



**Blind
Intersection
at Merriam
Road**

**School
Bus Stop**



**Plateau's
Driveway**



As seen from East of the site, top of hill.

As seen from just West of the site.

The Hill: 12% grade Lake Street Extension & Merriam Road

Q. What does 12% mean? A. Crashes.



May 2020: Total Guardrail Replacement
Oct 2020, First Snow: *Crash!* – first
guardrail incident of the winter season.

The Hill: 12% grade

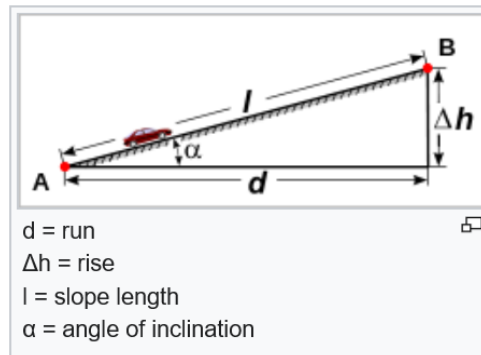
Lake Street Extension & Merriam Road

Q. What does 12% grade mean? A. $\text{Rise} \div \text{Run} \times 100 = \text{Percent grade}$

- **A. Minnetonka: “The maximum allowable driveway grade is 10 percent.”**

- Per the driveway permit web page, but not found within city code (chapter 11, section 1105)

- **A. Federally funded highways are 6 percent or less.** See Wikipedia, “Grade (slope)”



In the United States, maximum grade for Federally funded highways is specified in a design table based on terrain and design speeds,^[3] with up to 6% generally allowed in mountainous areas and hilly urban areas with exceptions for up to 7% grades on mountainous roads with speed limits below 60 mph (95 km/h).

3. [^] *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* (PDF) (4th ed.). Washington, DC: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. 2001. pp. 507 (design speed), 510 (exhibit 8-1: Maximum grades for rural and urban freeways). ISBN 1-56051-156-7. Retrieved 11 April 2014.

Safety and Neighborhood Disruptions by a 24/7 Commercial Facility

Personal Safety on a Narrow Street

More people and vehicles increases frequency of accidents.

Plateau: 31 car trips per day predicted.

Suburban Minnesota Home: 6.2 car trips per day average.*

No sidewalks for Plateau's Clients & Families.

Walk where?

Crossing Lake Street Extension?

Lights and Noise, Day and Night

Emergency vehicles

Snowplows in Plateau's parking lot

Car doors

Vehicle headlights turning out of driveway

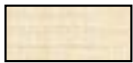
Outdoor building lights

Road Width	Street
25 Feet	Lake Street Extension
35 Feet	Shady Oak Road
35-40 Feet	Baker Road

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USDOT, Bureau of Transportation Statistics: <https://www.bts.gov/statistical-products/surveys/vehicle-miles-traveled-and-vehicle-trips-state>

LIGHTS! 6 to 12 Homes Directly Impacted Neighborhood Disruptions by a 24/7 Facility



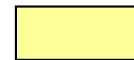
Area of Impact

Headlights **Filtered** Through Trees.



Aim of Bright Lighting

Headlights; Parking lots, Driveway
Exterior Building



Area of Impact

Headlights **Direct, not Screened**

The End

Questions and Feedback?

Susan Thomas

Subject: FW: Comment Regarding Item 14A

From: City of Minnetonka, MN

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 10:19 AM

To: Kyle Salage <ksalage@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* City council and EDA email comments

Name

Derrick Diedrick

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United States

City council or EDA

City council

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12701 Lake Street Extension Conditional Use Permit

Comment

While I have opinions I try to look at this proposal objectively, as a someone in the commercial construction profession my opposition to this proposal is that this does not look like a house but rather a commercial property. It has the sizing, scaling and site development of a commercial property. The building is 5x larger than the house immediately adjacent to it. I have one of the larger houses in the immediate area and it is still 78% larger than my house. I believe that by reducing the size of this building to the 6 occupants allowable by zoning without conditional use permitting it would allow the building to look more like a home, without a large parking lot and would therefor fit correctly into the character of the neighborhood. For comparison, a small fast food restaurant/office building/healthcare clinic would have the same if not smaller building size and similar size parking lots and associated infrastructure/traffic as the proposed and those would not be allowed without hesitation. The concept of the zoning rule is that this is supposed to look like a house and it does not. We have similar home care facilities like this in our neighborhood of reasonable size and they do not look overbuilt, they blend in to the community and do not look like a healthcare facility but rather a home as intended when driving by. This building should follow the precedent set by those properties in our community

From: [City of Minnetonka, MN](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* City council and EDA email comments
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 4:38:39 PM

Name

Carolyn Colvin

Full Address

12689 LAKE STREET EXTENSION
Minnetonka, MN 55305
Hennepin

Comment

PLEASE CONSIDER THE SIZE OF THIS DWELLING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS IS WAY TO BIG . This is a commercial size dwelling with parking lots on both ends of the property. It does not fit into the neighborhood. This street is already to busy With 2 churches 2 halfway houses . It's a main connection to hwy 7 west .we have no side walks and the hill is steep and dangerous in the winter time . We can hardly get out of our driveways now . I live in the house that a joins with this property . I do not wish to look out my door and see a huge commercial size building with parking lots in the front and back of my home . This is a wooded lot with wild life and mature trees , I also feel the lights will be be so bright shinning into our homes . Then add the ambulances ,metro mobility , trying to get up the hill, plus children waiting at the bus stop ! This company has owned this property and has not even bothered to cut the grass all summer. I have done it. They also have a wrongful deaths on record. Why would I feel good about living next door to that. This is wrong to allow a conditional permit to allow for this in our neighborhood . It's just way to big . Size alone, not to mention what if it sold and turned into something else . Please please consider us. We have lived here 40 yrs and not one neighbor wants this !!! Size of the building and safety of our street should all say this does not work! It's huge ! And does not fit the the neighborhood To busy with a very steep hill that is very dangerous in the winter time.



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TO: City Council

FROM: Phil Olson, City Engineer

DATE: Nov. 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Change Memo for Nov. 9 City Council Meeting

ITEM 14B – Addition of Groveland Elementary School Crossing to CIP

The following emailed public comment was received after the distribution of the packet.

From: Ted Bills [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 9:57:46 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi

Subject: crosswalk funding support.

Living on the south side of Minnetonka Blvd, my wife and I have discussed many times before, "what if we had an easier, safer way to cross Minnetonka Blvd?" Each and every time we had this conversation, we both agreed that it would open up possibilities for our kids to get to school differently as well as ease car congestion in that area. We are both in favor of this and support this initiative. Thanks, Ted

[REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks Ted!

Please reply with your address and I'll forward on your comments.

--Bradley

From: Ted Bills [REDACTED]
Date: November 7, 2020 at 8:57:02 AM CST
To: Bradley Schaeppi [REDACTED]
Subject: crosswalk funding support.

Sorry.
3650 Fairlawn Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: David Haeg

Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 1:54 PM

To: Bradley Schaeppi; Susan Carter; Deborah Calvert

Subject: Lighted Crosswalk Funding for Minnetonka Blvd
Councilmembers Carter, Calvert and Schaeppi,

Our family resides in Ward 3, near Groveland Elementary, where my kids attend school. I believe that our responsibility as a community is to protect our vulnerable residents and create an environment that encourages community interaction.

As a parent, I would place the safety of my children above every other need in my life. I am encouraged by our progress as a city to make our physical environment more safe and accessible for kids - specifically the maintenance and expansion of our trails and sidewalks. But with that said, there are opportunities to do better. One specific and glaring need is for a safer route to Groveland elementary school and Gro Tonka Park across Minnetonka Boulevard, via a lighted crosswalk (or crosswalks).

I was the organizer behind the first Groveland Bike and Walk to School day, which was scheduled for May before school was cancelled. After just a single email from the school, months in advance of the event, over 200 kids (25% of the study body) had signed up to participate - and I can confidently say that number would have doubled by the time of the event. There is a pent-up desire for kids and their parents to have safer access to this school and the adjoining park. Many other parents reached out to me directly, both to express their enthusiasm for this idea, and their frustration that, for most students, there is no safe route to bike or walk to school. I still have a hard time comprehending that a neighborhood school, surrounded by residences, has so little infrastructure for kids to travel safely to it.

Every decision the council makes has an impact, favoring one group or another, and we must look to our values to make these decisions. **I believe that we should prioritize kids over cars, and that a huge majority of our community would agree.** The cost of a lighted crosswalk is low. The inconvenience to motorists during a brief period in the morning/afternoon each school day is minor. I encourage you to fund and move forward with this commonsense safety improvement.

Thank you!

-David

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 1:02 PM

To: Susan Carter [REDACTED] Bradley Schaeppi

[REDACTED] Brad Wiersum [REDACTED] Deborah Calvert [REDACTED]; Rebecca Schack [REDACTED]

Cc: Philip Olson [REDACTED]; Will Manchester

[REDACTED]; Geralyn Barone [REDACTED] Bradley Schaeppi [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Groveland Crosswalk / Minnetonka Blvd Trail Segment

Sorry everyone, I somehow hit send while typing and before I was finished! Please ignore my prior incomplete message.

See below completed email. Rebecca, I included you given a likely future concern for Tanglen and Hopkins Crossroads.

Mayor Wiersum and Councilmembers Calvert, Carter, Schack and Schaeppi -

First, I want to thank you for prioritizing the Groveland to Park N' Ride / Tonkawood trail segment in the current CUP. The impact and appreciation of this change has been very well received by all who live near this section and whose children attend Groveland elementary. Well done!

Second, I understand that tonight, the council is consider an amendment to the '21-'25 CIP related to a pedestrian crossing for Groveland Elementary across Minnetonka Boulevard. I would strongly urge you to include the assessment of this crossing either as part of the 2023 Minnetonka Blvd Trail Project from Groveland to the Park N' Ride / Tonkawood or as a separate item. For those households south of Minnetonka Boulevard, crossing the street can be very unsettling and it is definitely scary our young students given multiple turning movements and car stacking.

A few thoughts for your consideration:

Demand is up significantly. Since moving to the Rainbow Dr neighborhood in the summer of 2018, I've experienced three school years where we walk our children nearly every day, excluding inclement weather.

In 2018-19, we seemed to be the only family walking.

In 2019-20, another family would occasionally walk. I would see no families east of us walking

In 2020-21, I would say at least 8 families consistently walk their children every day out of the Rainbow neighborhood and countless more walk from east of Groveland, some dashing across Mtka Blvd at Larchwood or Druid Lane. There hasn't been a time walking my son that I haven't seen people either crossing the street or walking toward the school from the east. I expect this trend to continue based on families moving into the neighborhoods around Groveland.

Traffic has increased on county roads. This fact was a driving force on the City's investment in enhanced trail funding and prioritization of trails along county roads that were not in the County's LT (funded) capital plan. The issue that exists at Groveland will likely face the Council on Hopkins Crossroads where a same pedestrian crossing from Sherwood Forest and Fetterly will also be needed.

There is no doubt the intersections and turning movements are challenging around Groveland. I will say, drivers are nice and will stop when I look both ways, walk out a bit into the street and raise my hands to help us cross. However, not all parents are willing to take that risk, and with a ever improving playground at the school, many more families seek to cross beyond daily education.

There is no better time that the 2021-2022 timeframe to assess, seek input, and plan for a same route to cross Minnetonka to Groveland. Community engagement, engineering with multiple projects, grant writing opportunities and bids all will occur. Whether you do or don't proceed, at minimum the deep study of this crossing should be part of the CIP either as a standalone project or one included with the Mtka Blvd Trail project.

I have not encountered one single parent or resident who hasn't asked "why isn't there a cross walk for the residents south of Minnetonka Blvd. I encourage you to support the crosswalk study and inclusion in the CIP either as a standalone or combined with the 2023 Trail project.

On behalf of my 4th grader (Kate), 1st grader (Will) and all mothers (including my wife April) and fathers holding their breath as they run across Minnetonka Boulevard, I thank you again for your time, your service to your community, and contining our city's focus on enabling safe routes to our schools.

Tony Wagner
3516 Rainbow Dr
Minnetonka