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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, May 27, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Carey

Last Name: Blatchford

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306 [REDACTED]

Phone Number : 306 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Kirk Cres

Ward: Ward 8

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Tomorrow's meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Bylaws regarding Holland Park

Comments:

Please see attached file as to the reasons why I oppose the HAF initiative.

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

May 27th, 2024

To The HAF Committee,

I'm writing to appeal to the Counsel that we maintain Holland Park in Greystone Heights Community.

Holland Park helps reduce the city's heat island, absorb pollution thus improving air quality, supports pollinators like bees as well as promote biodiversity. In a country where we are being taxed for carbon, I think efforts to maintain spaces like Holland Park are essential.

Holland Park is also beneficial for our community's mental and physical health. Saskatoon citizens already experience more environmental harm than those that live in the countryside. Holland Park is used both formally and informally by the community for soccer practices, Girl Guide activities, and baseball practice. Having a recreational green space is associated with humans thriving. To lose this space in Greystone would be detrimental to all decreasing quality of life and increasing the already heavy weight on the health care system. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that green spaces are essential. Residents have been asking the Community Association if we could install Outdoor Volleyball Courts and additional Community Gardens in Holland Park.

Maintaining Holland Park as we add density to Greystone will be essential for ensuring a resilient and equitable neighborhood. Natural spaces can help those with low income/apartment dwellers become less vulnerable to health and climate risks as they will have a space they can access.

Greystone is already a dense community with many apartment buildings. Putting additional strain on the community would affect the school which is already overburdened compared to neighbor communities.

The way this initiative has been communicated has been flawed. The Community Association was never consulted. There are mixed messages. Some believe the park will be preserved. I had to direct email the city to find that it is not. Please see the snapshot of the email communication I have received from Andy Collins with Planning and Development.

Sincerely upset,

~Carey Blatchford

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Holland Park is within the Corridor Growth Area, so would be impacted by the proposed amendment packages, allowing for the following:

Lands designated [Station Mixed Use and Corridor Mixed Use](#)

Minimum Permitted Height	8m
Maximum Permitted Height	22m or 6 Storeys
Minimum Site Width	15m

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks, Andy

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