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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

First Name: Lesia

Last Name: Dubyk

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

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Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Municipal Planning Commission Meeting, May 28 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Housing Action Plan concerning Brevoort Park

Comments:

I am a lifelong resident of Brevoort Park and I would like it to be known that my family and I are vehemently opposed to the proposed rezoning of our neighbourhood to allow four storey apartment units and other multi-unit dwellings. This will not only destroy the appeal of the neighbourhood and decrease the value of our single family homes, but will create an industrial impression with overcrowded streets, and residents— many young families or elderly— being unable to park near their own homes. This concept is ludicrous and completely unacceptable.

The reason that mature areas like Brevoort Park have remained such coveted places in which to live, is because of their intimate and peaceful qualities. There is inherent and immeasurable value in maintaining one of the few remaining neighbourhoods that truly represents a slower-paced, home-focused way of living.

This neighbourhood still has quaint, small town qualities that many of us desire; it is why we chose to live in this area and why we paid more for our homes than we could have in other areas of the city. Individuals who want to live in busier, fuller, “big city” type of areas are not suited for this neighbourhood, and it is not suited for them; that is what downtown and our newer areas are for. We need to keep those two starkly different ideologies completely separate in order to serve ALL kinds of people’s needs and desires. Not invade the quaint neighbourhoods with the already overwhelming, overpopulated way of life that some neighbourhoods have.

That is precisely what these new dwellings (and all the additional people and traffic that comes with them) will be: an invasion.

In passing this bylaw, it will actively drive out the families and the individuals that make this neighbourhood the rich and valuable place that it is, and it will become yet another banal, uninviting and congested space that is all-too-quickly becoming the norm in many areas of our city. Saskatoon is still a city with qualities that appeal to a wide variety of people; we cannot allow it to become yet another unremarkable, overrun metropolis that chokes out the people that have made it what it is.

If we create an environment where individuals are drawn here for temporary, inexpensive apartment-style housing, the area will lose those qualities that make it valuable. These are not the individuals who will maintain and take pride in their property as we do now; this is an area to strive for, not to casually occupy. The people who live here now are here BECAUSE of the type of neighbourhood that it is, and making such dramatic changes is a mistake that cannot be undone.

Right now, this neighbourhood attracts successful, motivated people who value a Real sense of community and neighbourliness. Young families want to raise their children here and send them to our local schools and parks, and families that have lived here for years have well-established this beautiful and invaluable space and want to keep it that way. It is unjust to tear that quality of life out from underneath us when we have worked so hard to achieve it.

Lastly, in addition to all of this, removing the off-street parking requirements is beyond ridiculous. We are already a full community with tight parking as it is- if new buildings are to be erected, proper and adequate parking is simply a must-have.

Please take these thoughts into consideration, as my family and neighbours all express the same feelings. Sadly, we have close friends and family whose neighbourhoods have already been put in the same position as what this bylaw is suggesting, and the consequences for them have been everything that we in Brevoort Park are hoping to avoid.

Thank you for your time

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