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**From:** City Council  
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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, June 24, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Steve

**Last Name:** Warren

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] 1st St E

**Ward:** Ward 6

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):** Thursday bylaw review meeting

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** amendments to bylaws

**Comments:**

I am sending this to voice my concern over the proposed amendments to the current neighborhood housing bylaws that will allow 4 Plex/4 story buildings and also, as I understand, remove all parking requirements.

First, our neighborhood has a 4 Plex on a corner lot. This one 4plex alone has taken over all the street parking on that block. In addition, they have a large concrete driveway on stalled on city property (the boulevard spaces on the avenues).

These boulevard areas are counted as "green space" for our neighborhood. The "green space from Taylor Street to the back alley are completely filled with vehicles and construction equipment, motorcycles, etc. There is no "green space" there.

Buena Vista is already underserved for green space areas, as admitted by the city's own studies. In order to make it seem less than it really is, the boulevard areas are counted as part of the green space requirements.

Imagine now many 4 Plex units lining the avenues. The little bits of green space that are left will of course also disappear under similar circumstances.

Will city council willingly vote to override one of their own requirements for underserved green space by allowing the gradual consumption of the boulevard into the parking spaces that are no longer required?

How does council proposed to increase the greenspace already lacking in this area?

Second, I have already asked this question of city officials, but have not received any response.

Does city council and those responsible for infrastructure guarantee that the existing sewer and water lines can support the additional loads that will come with this higher density?

Again, our neighborhood is already struggling with capacity on sewer lines. Houses down the block were flooded with sewage last spring because the main lines were at capacity.

My own floor drain was full almost to floor line, so I called in a service guy who ran his equipment and said the problem was capacity at main line.

I request that council supply a report on the capacity of water and sewer lines in these older neighborhoods and the expected increase in capacity needed to account for the extra load.

Third. Many city employees, most notably emergency responders such as fire and police workers, are home builders/developers on the side. This seems to be an obvious conflict of interest. How many city staff are going to make small fortunes by aggressive development and possible inside influence?

I would ask city council to make an additional amendment that forbids city employees from being developers on the side.

In closing, council appears to be focused on a relatively small parcel of federal money to destroy the character and liveability of the entire city.

In theory, council is there to represent the people of their wards, yet I have never had my councillor ask for opinions on such important issues as this one, or, for another example, the proposed downtown arena.

If you truly represent the interests of those in your wards, why do you not consult with them on important issues directly?

Thank you  
Steve Warren

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