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Submitted on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 - 10:01

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: Wednesday, August 21, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Ann M

Last Name: Rodgers

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

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Heritage Crescent

Ward: Not Sure

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Myself

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: August 28, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Removal of Municipal Reserve Designation 1635 McKercher Drive

Comments:

Letter Attached

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

August 19, 2024

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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222 Third Avenue North
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Attention City Council

Re: Public Notice Removal of Municipal Reserve Designation Portion of 1635 McKercher Drive

I am writing to express concern with the plan to remove the municipal reserved designation portion of 1635 McKercher Dr as a resident of the Heritage Area. The space in question is a beautiful, dedicated green space, where many residents of the condominium complex I reside in have gardens.

My neighbours and I are retirees of a generation who grew up with gardens and truly appreciate the communal green space in our neighbourhood. My husband and I chose to retire to Saskatoon in this particular area because of its maturity and access to the public civic centre and gardens. This is a well known neighbourhood, chosen by retirees because it is well-established and well-designed, with access to community spaces.

Subdividing community spaces in an established neighbourhood like this one, makes the neighbourhood as a whole less appealing and is detrimental to the residents of that community. This space serves the Wildwood, Lakeridge, and Lakeview community neighbourhoods and should not be re-zoned, especially to allow the removal of a highly used community space. The space designated to "replace it" is lacking.

Re-zoning to allow for additional development of high density residences in mature neighbourhoods, while removing existing community spaces, is not of benefit to the residents. It increases the population density while reducing access to an already established, and well-used community space. These are MATURE subdivisions, already designed a great many years ago and people choose to buy homes in these subdivisions based on the fact that they are already DEVELOPED.

There are so many NEGATIVES to the removal of the designation:

- There is no problem entering into the federal housing accelerator program, but the city needs to build these low income / high density buildouts in new areas where they can plan subdivisions around them NOT plop them in the middle of existing mature areas.
- We don't want low income/high density structure places in this greenspace. This encourages crime, etc and there is just so much available land in all the new subdivisions where it could be placed. People pay a premium to buy in mature subdivisions.
- The city is being forced to act randomly and too hastily because of how the feds attached the budget strings to the funding program.
- Spend the money in new areas currently being developed. Prices of the development can be built into the new housing costs. DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR GREEN SPACES – we need MORE GREEN SPACE, not less.

Sincerely,

Ann Rodgers
