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From: Julia Schmidt <julia_schmidt@shaw.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:15 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXT] RE: 2003 117th Ave SW Redesignation
Attachments: P7190006.jpg; P7190007.jpg; P7190008.jpg; P7190009.jpg

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the redesignation of 2003 117th Ave SW, Calgary, AB from R-C1 to R-C1s mainly due to safety. The property is situated on the corner of a busy street (Woodpark Blvd SW) and a single access street (117th Ave SW) to a residential area. The corner is designed with an exit curve, and the current driveway of the property is only about eight (8) feet from the end of the exit curve. Currently, it is already somewhat dangerous when a vehicle is backing onto the street from that property and a vehicle is accessing 117th Ave from Woodpark Blvd. The property has no off-street parking except the single driveway. There is only about one street parking spot in front of the property between the driveways of 2003 and 2007 117th Ave SW; you could fit two small cars. There is not much street parking across from 2003 117th Ave SW either as there is a fire hydrant and the occupants of 503 Woodpark Crescent SW occasionally park their trucks, trailers, or boat at that street location as they do not have much street parking in front of their property. Also, one block east on 117th Ave SW from 2003 are the mailboxes for the neighborhood, and with all the vehicles that are already parked on the street and the number of vehicles that stop at the end of the day to pick up their mail, vehicles get backed up on the road sometimes making it difficult to turn from Woodpark Blvd onto 117th Ave so we end up with a traffic jam at the intersection. Adding more than one family unit to 2003 117th Ave SW will result in more vehicles, most which will no doubt have to park on the street as it is only a single vehicle driveway.

Another safety consideration is a walking/bike path that runs along Woodpark Blvd and a main crosswalk across Woodpark Blvd that a lot of people use to access the city buses. There are many people (a lot elderly) that walk along that path as well as cyclists. Adding more vehicles parked on the road will decrease the line of sight by drivers potentially causing an increase in the number of accidents that occur on that corner.

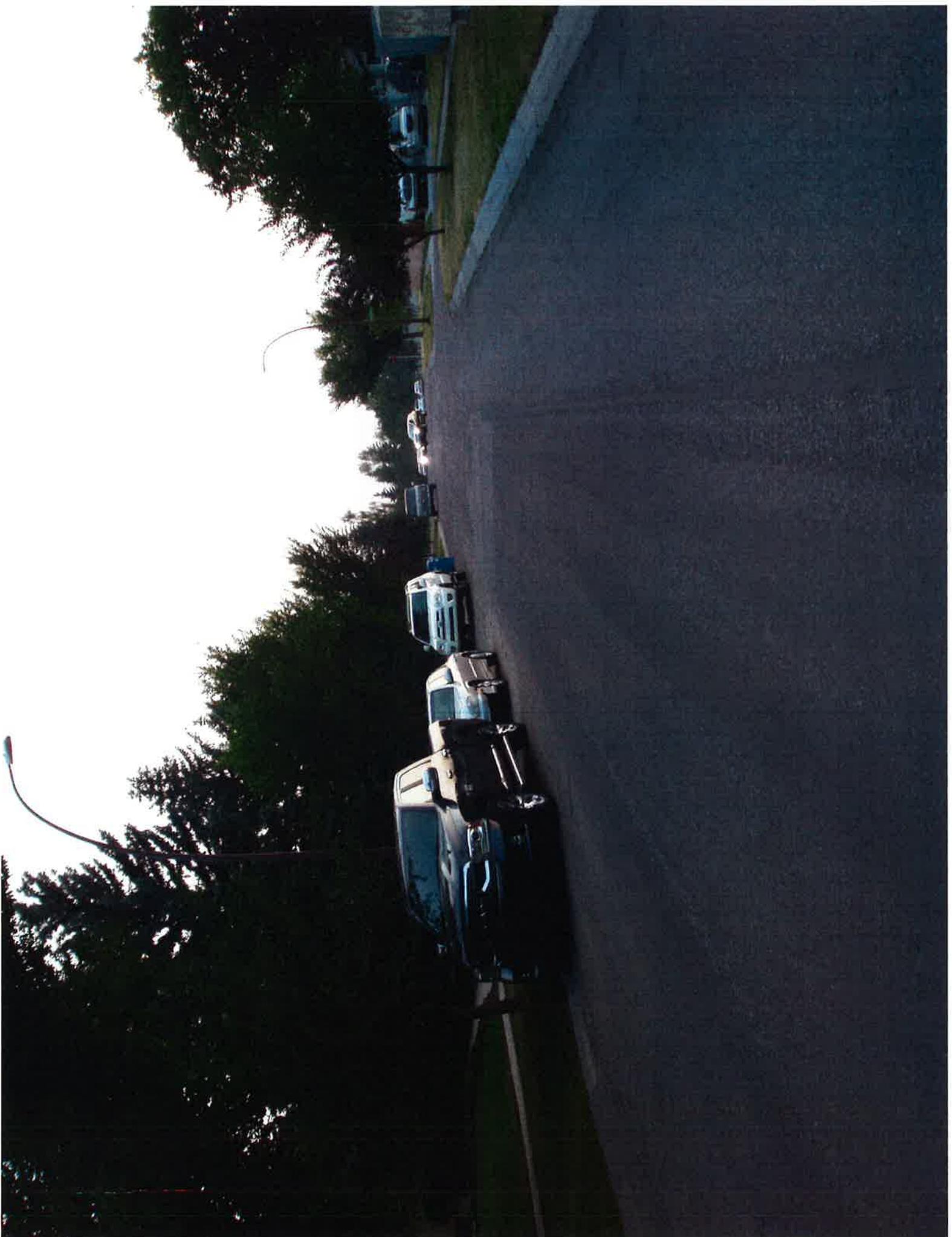
I hope the city serious considers how adding another unit to the property will decrease the already available street parking and potentially cause safety issues to pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers. There are already several houses in our neighborhood where more than one family lives (some with three generations or with three different family units) and their vehicles take up most of the parking on the roads making it difficult for visitors to our house to park. Four houses at the end of our cul-de-sac have about 12-14 vehicles parked on the street every evening and on weekends. Another two houses (one of them with a three car garages and three car driveway) have about 6-10 vehicles parked on the street. I have attached pictures of the parking situation in our neighborhood. I believe that there should be off-street parking for two vehicles for every family living in a single family dwelling and that off-street parking should be used; therefore, if there are two families living in a single home, then four vehicles should be parked off-street, and if there are three families living in a single home, then six vehicles should be parked off-street.

I've also included two pictures of the street in front of 2003 117th Ave SW so you can see how close the current driveway is to the yield sign for vehicles accessing 117th Ave from Woodpark Blvd SW and how close the current driveway is to the bike/walk path.

Regards,
Julia Schmidt









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From: julia_schmidt@shaw.ca
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To: City Clerk
Subject: Online Submission on LOC2017-0108

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Application: LOC2017-0108

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Regards, Julia Schmidt