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From: Barbaatar, Davaa
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Public Submissions
Subject: FW: [EXT] Bylaw 96D2019 and LOC2018-0270 development
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From: Steve Hanon [mailto:stevehanon@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:20 AM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@calgary.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Bylaw 96D2019 and LOC2018-0270 development

Sirs;

This communication is in response to the proposed land use change on the corner of 20th Avenue NW and 6th Street NW.

The change would allow an empty lot now used primarily by parishioners of the adjacent Catholic church for parking during church services, funerals and other functions, to be developed into “primarily apartment buildings and townhouses”.

I am a retired man who lives with my wife on 19th avenue NW across the street from the Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church parking lot. The church is the immediate neighbor to the south of the parcel of land at issue.

This now empty plot of land has an importance far beyond its often empty appearance. Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church was built in 1914, two years after Guy Weadick started the very first Calgary Stampede, and at the start of the First World War. The area around the church was not nearly as populated as it is now, and horses were a common mode of transport. No one could possibly have anticipated the vastly expanded use of automobiles. The church is a busy one with a large congregation that hosts services and other functions such as funerals and wakes, and other community events. No one could deny the importance of these functions to members of the community. Parking for the church, however, is in limited supply. The empty lot at issue is required and used by our neighbors who use the church. Many are elderly and unable to walk long distances. Removal of that empty lot as a parking area for church goers will have a profoundly negative impact on the church and the surrounding community. Even now, the use of the empty lot for parking is inadequate. Streets in all directions line up with cars for blocks. It is an inconvenience for residents along 19th Avenue, but will become much worse if the empty lot is developed.

I object to the proposed development. I must inform you that I am not a Catholic and do not attend this church. I do, however, support the church in its need for parking space.

It appears that at some future date, the unelected bureaucrats of city hall plan to sell the land adjacent to the parcel at issue. So, to voice my objection to that change in advance, I will state the following. These two large lots to the east are fenced off, and the space is used as a dog park. I have watched city employees remove gates on the fence, I assume to discourage use of the land as a dog park. This bullying attitude is completely unacceptable. Dogs have been the companions of humans for tens of thousands of years so one wonders why those who dislike dogs have the ear of city officials and those who have no problems with dogs are often

ignored. I truly hope that a dog is not struck down and killed or injured by a car on 20th Avenue NW. (Please note: I am not a dog owner and have never owned a dog!).

Perhaps at some point city bureaucrats will be willing to listen to, and obey the wishes of Calgarians who are the true owners of this land, rather than think about the collection of taxes for bureaucrat's salaries, social reorganization, and buying votes.

Attached are a number of photographs of the street parking on a busy day at the church.

Sincerely,
Stephen Hanon,
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