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[EXTERNAL] Special Use Permit Case# W-3443

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To: Samuel Hunter; Samuel Hunter



Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for speaking with me recently regarding the proposed parking variance for Special Use Permit Case# W-3443 on West End Blvd. I am writing to express my strong opposition to anything that would bring more cars to try and park in this area.

This specific part of West End Blvd. has already become a very dangerous area due to cars parking illegally past clearly posted No Parking signs. This creates a dangerous situation on a blind curve and I have personally witnessed numerous close calls of head-on collisions. Surely, it is only a matter of time before there is a significant accident on that curve.

After Joymongers and the acting school opened in and near this same location without an adequate plan for parking, the amount of illegal parking has become a near nightly nuisance. In addition to the aforementioned illegal parking causing a dangerous situation, people are parking blocking driveways because they can't find, or are too lazy to try to find nearby parking. I have had countless incidents of my driveway being blocked by patrons of Joymongers or of the acting school. One evening, we were unable to pick up my young children from a function because there was a car blocking her vehicle in, and the driver could not be found. Other times, cars park just slightly in the driveway, thinking we can get by. While we haven't hit a vehicle yet, there have been some close calls.

I have attached a few photos below from the night of Wednesday, March 11th. There was nothing unique about that night, these photos simply show the extent of the parking problem NOW before any other business has gone into the proposed space. I implore Planning and Development to reject this proposed variance.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me at robdmem@alumni.umw.edu or 786.863.9120.

Best,
Rob Eastman-Mullins