

Olivia Glantz

From: Chuck Burleigh <chuck.burleigh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 2:18 PM
To: Olivia Glantz
Subject: Case Number SUB-ADJ19-02, Wren Heights

Dear Ms. Glantz,

My name is Charles Burleigh. I own the house located at 422 Salem Heights Ave. S.. I wish to state my objections to the proposed development called Wren Heights, Case Number SUB-ADJ19-02.

I've owned this property on Salem Heights for several years. This is a rental property and my typical tenants are families with children.

I am told that the proposed sub-division will generate around 345 additional car trips per day on Salem Heights. My house is east of the proposed street that will feed into Salem Heights and thus will likely experience a high percentage of this new traffic.

My house has a shallow front yard and a narrow gravel shoulder along Salem Heights. The shoulder is where residents must walk to pick up their mail, put out the garbage cans, ride bikes and walk to bus stops. It is also sometimes used for parking cars. In addition, residents cars must often back out of their driveways onto Salem Heights. Speed is already a problem on Salem Heights and additional traffic volume will increase the number of people exceeding the speed limit. Adding this much traffic to Salem Heights is unsafe. Even if they are not exceeding the speed limit.

I also grew up on the corner of Salem Heights and Nohlgren. Our home was just east of the top of the hill, where the road crests and goes down sharply toward Liberty Rd.. Near where the "Steep Down Grade" sign is currently posted. As a child a friend of mine was crossing the street at Nohlgren and Salem Heights. A car coming over the hill did not have adequate visibility to see my friend and he was struck by the car. The crest of the hill has poor visibility. Should we add significantly more traffic coming over that crest every day?

I recommend that before this sub-division is approved, the burden be placed on the developers to come up with a plan that will significantly reduce the impact to Salem Heights, such as a reduction in housing density along with alternative street layouts that lead the traffic to more suitable routes.

We must have a reasonable justification before we make Salem Heights a more dangerous road. Residential infill is not a reasonable justification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,
Charles Burleigh