

## Elmer, Linda

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 2:47 PM  
**To:** Owczarski, Jim; Elmer, Linda  
**Cc:** Anne Devitt  
**Subject:** Certificate of Appropriateness for changes to Landscaping and site design at Wgema Campus  
**Attachments:** parking lot 1.JPG; parking lot 2.JPG; parking lot 3.JPG; parking lot 4.JPG

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Re: Objection to additional parking on Wgema Campus, File number 211499

Dear City Clerk Owczarski, Ms. Elmer and the Historic Preservation Commission,

We are residents within 200 feet of the proposed site changes for the Wgema Campus. We oppose the addition of parking spaces to the campus. The owners of the campus have built several parking lots prior to this proposed site change.

The parking lots are greatly underused and we have attached photos of the lots which reflect this. The photos were taken on a week day during normal business hours.

The parking lot that runs along 31 St. Street between Kilbourn and Wells, rarely has more than five,(5), cars parked on its surface, there is also underground parking in this lot. There is an additional parking lot right next to this one. This lot abuts the lot just mentioned and it is close to the gym. Generally, this lot has more cars parked in it yet is rarely full. There is a very large parking lot between State St. and Highland that is also greatly underused and rarely has more than ten,(10), cars in it. Finally, there is a parking lot behind the cloud on Highland, that generally has just two,(2) or three,(3), cars in it.

These lots are in addition to the parking lot where the proposed additional spaces would be added.

The lots that currently exist are handicap accessible, close to the gym and close other businesses located on the campus.

Electric Charging stations could be added to the existing lots.

I do not believe that adding parking stalls is either necessary, aesthetically desirable or consistent with goals of historic preservation. Many old growth trees have been cut down to accommodate building these parking lots. To the best of my knowledge, none have been replanted. The native grasses and Birch trees that have been planted are not consistent with the historic wooded nature of the campus and the habitat it provided for wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne A. Devitt and Edward B. Hoffmann Jr.

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