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Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 9:41 PM

To: Elmer, Linda

Subject: Kilbourn Square Proposed Construction

Dear Ms. Elmer,

I am sorry that, due to my schedule, I have not been able to contact you earlier. I know the meeting regarding the Kilbour Square development project is tomorrow, July 22nd, and I do hope you will be able to read this before then. Since I have to work, I will be unable to attend.

I thank you in advance for your attention.

To be specific, I am referring to the planned assisted living complex in this area. At first I was upset at the destruction of two huge, ancient (by human standards) trees up on the hill. I live at 1010 N. 22nd Street and observe those trees every day all through the year. They are indeed magnificent and to loose them would be a shame. I and two other neighbors, met with Diane De La Santos last week, July 16th. She politely listened to me (and the others)vent a bit and when it was her turn she explained things quite clearly and showed us photos of which trees would be taken down to accomodate this construction. If what she says is true, and I have no reason not to believe her, only one of the two would go. Still a shame, but 50% less of one. I also got a clearer idea of the construction from what she said and further photos. I am less upset about this construction. Though, of course, I'd much rather keep all the trees and the hill as they are, I also realize that change happens and this project seems a good fit with the work that the City on a Hill does.

What I do not clearly understand is the use or lack of use of the small, old parking lot at the corner of State and 22nd Streets. I have conflicting information as to whether or not the above mentioned construction will make use of this lot and I hope you can clarify matters.

1.) Other neighbors visited Alderman Bauman's office and were told by two different individuals that this lot does not belong to the developers of the assisted living construction and that they would not and could not use it. They were told that the developers had planned sufficient parking behind the facility. Also, I'm not entirely sure, but I think that Diane De La Santas said that the lot did not belong to the developers. I could be wrong on this.

2.) On the other hand, I was told that one of the developers, at the public meeting on July 14th, gave the strong impression that the lot

was theirs and that they fully intended to use it via the 22nd Street entrance. If this is true it is completely unacceptable. Most of us, because of the configuration of the block, do not have garages. We have to purchase street parking permits and pray to the parking gods that we find a place when we come home from work or wherever. If they activate this old lot as part of their plans, the added traffic on our street, the loss of parking spaces would be horrible and, as I said, unacceptable. Parking is one of the biggest pains in the neck for anyone who does not have a driveway or garage or some equivalent. This is especially so in the winter but is true any time of the year.

Regarding the entire issue of the proposed construction, this parking lot issue brings me the most sincere worry. Could you please clear up my confusion over this contradictory information?

I very much appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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I give my permission to you, if you wish, to use this email in its entirety regarding this Kilbourn Square assisted living construction.

P.S. If the lot is part of this proposal and is going to be used, then in the name of being a good neighbor, we should be allowed parking permits to use it ourselves. What would it cost this developer to issue a dozen or so permits? Just a thought...