

Askin, Tim

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Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Askin, Tim
Subject: FW: Woodlands School Playground
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Good Morning: I was able to look at the plans for the Woodlands playground, there are several issues per the plans, they are going to run the wrought iron fence directly against my wooden fence removing all access to the fence, the proposed plans run the fence directly down my fence to the power pole and then close off the power pole with metal fencing, The area between the tree and my fence is 19 inches, this 19 inches would be filled with playground fencing.

They plan to run the fence directly parallel to my home the space between my home to the fence would be approximately 40 inches! This would completely close off access to the south side of my home, you would not be able to do the following, (cut grass, maintain furnace vents, remove an air-conditioner, maintain the water meter, maintain roof or eaves). The water meter and furnace outlet project 15 inches off the side of the house, leaving maneuvering space of 25 inches. A ladder could not be placed next to my home it would have to be completely vertical.

What was really disturbing is that I spoke to a couple people who do not believe this to be legal to pass fire ordinance, Fire and rescue would not be able to access that side of my home!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Myself and or a firefighter would have to come through a 40 inch area (approximately the size of crawl space) potentially next to a burning building. The fence would be a permanent to semi-permanent structure as this is sunk into concrete.

Currently between homes on 31st, there is 12-13 feet of space between the structures to address the concerns above, to give reasonable access and safety to my home. The playground would need to be an additional 10 feet out from my fence line, there is simply not enough room for this playground in the space available on the corner lot/lots. Whatever the layout of the lots when the housing was put up in the early 1900's this home must have had reasonable access.

I was disappointed, my original concerns were due to location, how would they secure the playground after hours (this would be a magnet for fence jumpers) etc., this is not about tree aesthetics I have cut off as many limbs as possible from that tree (squirrel's and pollen all over my cars) the south side of the lilacs will survive (they have been here since I came) but maintenance, access, and legal safety need to be addressed, maybe the fire Marshall or zoning/building ordinance departments could address the legal placement of this fence so close to my home.

I may be reached at :
414-378-1290

If anyone would like to walk the area I would be happy to meet with them,

Sincerely
Julie Halkola-Griffith
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(The little brown house directly adjacent to the proposed playground)

From: Askin, Tim [<mailto:Tim.Askin@milwaukee.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 3:57 PM

To: Halkola-Griffith, Julie

Subject: Woodlands School Playground

Ms. Halkola-Griffith:

Here is the link for all the application documents for the playground.

<https://milwaukee.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3030096&GUID=F1C3B51F-17F1-4BDF-A17B-ADED37202A8D&Options=Text|&Search=potawatomi>

I can't take verbal comments, but you can send any written comments in reply to this email and I will enter them into the record for the project so that the members of the Historic Preservation Commission sees them. You may also wish to send a copy of your concerns to Ald. Bauman who sits on the Commission.

Regards,

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