

From: Macklin Smith
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 10:05 PM
To: Planning; Kowalski, Matthew
Subject: Fwd: Circle K, Stadium and Packard (#SP15-014)

Dear Planning Commission and Mr. Kowalski:

Relevant to your upcoming meeting to discuss the Circle K proposal for "development" at their Stadium and Packard location, I am forwarding the email I previously directed just to Mr Kowalski, which quotes content previously sent to Cynthia Redinger. I hope you will forgive the patchwork construction of my communication, which I feel, however, is perfectly coherent in its strong opposition to the Circle K plan. I am not alone in believing that your approval of this ill-advised and irresponsible plan would do irreparable harm to the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration. I plan to attend the hearing on September 7.

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From: **Macklin Smith** <
Date: Sat, Jul 9, 2016 at 8:47 PM
Subject: Circle K, Stadium and Packard (#SP15-014)
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Dear Mr. Kowalski:

I write as a very concerned citizen who lives on Iroquois Place, near the location of the proposed new and in my view horrendously worse Circle K. Several weeks ago, I sent the below to Cynthia Redinger. I have received no acknowledgement, but in any case I understand that our letters of concern should now be directed to you.

I've just had a look at the new Circle K plan and would like to register my response to it. As with their previous plan, Circle K is proposing a site structure that is inordinately large in the context of the other commercial establishments at that intersection, so there are serious aesthetic problems that conflict with the neighborhood norm. I commented on this problem in my response to Circle K's previous plan for an oversized building. The new plan proposes a similar eye-sore, but its bizarre layout creates still other problems. The placement of the fuel pumps and drive access closer to the residences on Iroquois Place actually increases the Circle K's annoyance factor by drastically increasing the light and noise pollution.

My understanding is that the new plan's layout of the building and pump facilities is predicated primarily on Circle K's "necessity" to follow regulations which apply to the sale of beer and wine at such and such a distance from the pumps themselves. Be that as it may, many Iroquois Place residents are opposed to the 24/7 sale of alcoholic beverages at this location. Beyond increased light and noise pollution, the new plan enables more local drunkenness not simply by selling beer and wine but by serving as a magnet for those "in need of" just "a little more" beer and wine. As you may be aware, our street has been hit several times recently by automobile break-ins and related acts of vandalism. As is well known, gas station/convenience stores do not maximize their profits by selling gas, but rather from retail sales and sales of lottery tickets. The presence of an imposing state of the art booze shop in the form of a redesigned Circle K will, I believe, do nothing good for the neighborhood, but instead will threaten to seriously degrade the safe, peaceful ambiance of our street.

Thank you, Mr. Kowalski, for any help you may be able to provide in opposing the Circle K plan, which does nothing good for our neighborhood or for Ann Arbor and--quite the contrary--will if approved cause irreparable harm.

Sincerely,

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