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Subject: Two points I missed in my comments on Barton Green last night

Hello,

This is Ken Clark again, I live at 497 Larkspur St. I spoke to you on 10/17 about bike parking and the proposed shuttle in the Barton Green proposed development off Pontiac Trail.

Two things I meant to cover (were in my notes but I skipped them) were:

- The University does **not** provide car parking for students attending classes, and strongly discourages people attempting to drive to class. However, they provide fairly ample bike parking, on both campuses. I think the developer is proposing more car parking than is needed, but they're meeting the requirements of our out-dated off-street parking ordinance. If anyone thinks those students will be driving themselves to classes, they're almost certainly mistaken. However, providing ample bike parking, particularly **covered** bike parking, should be beneficial, because the University encourages students to bike to campus.

- The developer indicates that there will be covered bike parking, because some people will park their bikes on their porches. That argument doesn't hold water. Time and again we've seen new management come in and immediately ban bikes on porches as an eyesore or safety hazard. Unless there's some sort of deed restriction that requires allowing parking bikes on porches, we need to expect that it will eventually be banned. Even if there is a deed restriction, the Fire Department may eventually declare that bikes on porches is a problem for egress, so it can't be allowed.

The best solution for the developer would be to take their two-hoop pads near the residences and convert them to half as many pads, with four hoops per pad, and a constructed cover over the parking area. They could pretty easily make those covers match their architecture elements, and would end up with a very usable and attractive bike parking, and an order of magnitude more bike use. The class C parking makes perfect sense near their clubhouse.

Thank you,
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