

**City Council Meeting Dec 6, 2010**

**My name is Kathy Boris. I live at 1726 Charlton.**

**The public perception is that once land has been designated or set aside as parkland, it will remain parkland. But nothing could be further from the truth. Parkland, especially in urban areas, is subject to a lot of pressures, because many parties would like to encroach on or develop parkland in ways that would serve their own interests.**

**Regarding tonight's proposed rezoning of six park properties--if this is simple good housekeeping on the part of city administration, to bring these miscellaneous parcels into a single zoning category, then that's fine. But will the rezoning expand the possible uses of these parcels and thereby increase the likelihood that in the future they will be used for something other than recreation and open space?**

**If you approve their being rezoned as Public Land tonight, what assurance does the public have that these parcels will not eventually be repurposed and used--for example--as the sites of transportation facilities or parking structures?**

**Previous generations of Ann Arborites cobbled together Ann Arbor's varied collection of park properties. The public deserves some assurance that park properties—no matter what their zoning--will not be repurposed without their permission.**

**Thank you.**

