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Amber Tardif

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 2:43 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Off agenda 4/25 topic

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Dear City of Sierra Madre Councilmembers and Mayor,

That was truly a marathon session on April the 11th. We are writing to say thank you and encourage the city not bring this back for even more discussion over something that was thoughtfully discussed and agreed upon.

We thought things were finally going to get signed but now we hear that this might go back and start over? Please don't do that. We feel the school and the neighbors came to a fair compromise. We didn't get everything we asked for such as no whistles to call the students attention during recess as we are sure Alverno can name theirs.

Attorney Sanders reiterated the final understanding to which the city attorney said that he would word it as such. It is hard to fathom why that might not be understood now since we all heard it in the public video of the meeting.

It is our hope that this document gets signed just as we heard it. The discussion regarding the use of the parking lot activity will start slowly dissipating when the High School leaves in June. Certain activities will remain for 15 months only. There will be some PE and basketball. We heard the Council members were in agreement that everything on the parking lot would be gone regardless of whether the school builds sport courts or not -- in 15 months (barring an act of God). Lack of money cannot be a reason for an extension. We hope Alverno will build the multipurpose gym from 2011 and the sport courts for their kids. We have never seen a church service on the parking lot but as long as they aren't amplifying it then we agree that this will be a good compromise for the neighbors and school.

Thank you for keeping in mind the neighbors as represented by the Stephens and their attorney while balancing Alverno's input. We don't know how everyone stayed so late on the 11th. It is so hard to be the voice of reason at that late hour but it appears to be settled, we hope.

Your neighbors,
Bronson and Cecilia Rogers

Amber Tardif

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 5:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: April 25 off agenda about the Alverno CUP

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Dear Mayor Garcia and City Council persons,

We hope this email finds you well. As a neighboring family of Alverno we feel the discussions by the city, the appellant and the applicant were thoughtful and super thorough on April the eleventh. We had hoped for a little more concession by Alverno lower school but thrilled that the parking lot use as a sport venue will end with a date certain.

Upon reading the upcoming agenda there is only one condition that seems to be in the wrongly placed:

Section 11. Noise Attenuation at Michillinda Parking Lot – There shall be no sound amplification devices used on the Michillinda Parking Lot at any time. Use of the Michillinda Parking Lot will be limited exclusively to the following uses:

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B. Play or recess, physical education, or sporting activities, only where the Applicant's landscape contractor makes a determination that the Multi-Purpose Sports Field is unsafe for those uses due to weather conditions, including but not limited to rain, flooding, or other natural conditions that make it unsafe for children to engage in the listed uses.

The notetaker put this temporary condition under the wrong category. We want to move on with the conditions that were agreed upon April 11th with one exception that needs correction before you sign. It's probably just an oversight because we heard the discussions and the following was not agreed as permanent. Activity that is now occurring lasts up to 15 months but without exception of returning. Please fix this. The council said they don't care if the courts were built or not. Alverno reps offered that the school would use the two sport courts if there was a weather or other unsafe field conditions! Alverno states they spent \$1.5 million for a multi-sport complex field. They are now trying to say is subpar for drainage and other reasons. We hope they will have a talk with the company that built the field to fix this.

All agreed that there was no returning student body activity due to weather to the parking lot. We had hoped for the original 12 months the city proposed but we accept Alverno's need for a 15 month deadline. We will be marking our calendars for all of the activity on the parking lot to come to an end, to be gone and not return under any circumstance, bar an act of god short extension. We expect our city permit process to be smooth knowing that Alverno has a lot riding on this for their kids. The Michillinda parking lot noise after 15 months will come from the vehicle use as it was prior to the unpermitted

lower school use. Alverno needs parking for their school events. They were granted enlargement of the lot under the 2011 CUP. Just like the landscaping, also granted in the 2011 CUP. There didn't need to be another condition for something already in the 2011 CUP for landscaping. Alverno lower school came into the neighborhood without permits for activities like using the parking lot for play and sports. Alverno is not St. Ritas, apples and oranges.

We are forever grateful that the city council heard the neighbors and worked hard to accommodate Alverno as well. The intensely noisy impact from Alverno lower school using the parking lot for the last two years has a final date to be removed forever more after 15 months. We thank you all for the untold hours put into these negotiation. Bless all of you for staying so very late so that this appeal hearing could be fine tuned, with everyone on the same page (with the exception of moving 11 B to it's proper condition) and not having anymore city meetings to beat a dead horse. It has been too much time and money for all the parties involved. We are all so tired of this fight but happy with the outcome as it was agreed on April 11th.

Warm regards,
Ms. Rosadella and extended family

Amber Tardif

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 9:51 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 4/25 Not on the Agenda Regarding AHA CUP

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Dear Mayor Garcia and councilmembers,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for staying so late at the last city council meeting. Recommending Alverno and the Stephens go back to the drawing board was wisely advised. Your encouragement to come up with a final agreement regarding the conditions that most affect the neighbors showed your understanding of the situation. And that the 4/11 meeting should conclude the drafting of the final CUP.

I understand Alverno's CUP is to be signed on Tuesday. It appears most of the final draft was written as agreed and discussed except condition 11B. The language for this condition is missing one component that changes the specificity of the agreed upon condition. Everyone is ready to move on and would hate to see this one item cause a reagendaing for something that was belabored on 4/11. Although Alverno's attorney kept jumping up trying to hijack the direction of the language for this condition the council wisely saw through this. Thank you Mayor Garcia for your clarification on where the council stood regarding 11B and this use after 15 months. There was to be no going back after 15 months to use the parking lot if weather caused the field to be wet and in Alverno's judgement - not usable.

Mayor Garcia stated, "We don't have to assume the courts are built, the activity is gone!" I found this to be the crux of 11B's timeline. Upon review of the agenda for Tuesday's meeting this condition is not written that way.

We agree with the council and the various ways they stated their decision was not predicated on whether the school actual built two sport courts. It was dealing with the noise and nuisance of the current parking lot use which would cease after 15 months regardless and revert fully to a lot for parking with only an exception for an emergency assembly, an annual safety demo and if the school wants to do liturgy - all without amplification. The school seems committed to not one but now two state of the art outdoor sport courts. 11b as currently written ignores the discussion that these courts could suffice and serve as a larger and better option for students to congregate or play after 15 months if there is a weather condition preventing the use of the field. As with some of Alverno's parents, I would not want my daughter to play on a sloped and improper playing surface that a few hundred cars drive over daily.

I look forward to everyone getting the opportunity to move on since the youtube video serves as a good record of what was agreed upon. Thank you Mayor Garcia. Thank you all for the various deliberations and staying as you did to get the CUP finished. Please fix 11B as agreed and have a signing party. You deserve it.

Yours,
Jacqueline Tatum

Amber Tardif

From: Martin Ericks [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:20 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you plus 4/25 CC meeting Alverno appeal or off agenda

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Dear City Council and our Mayor,

Please submit for public comment for Tuesday the 25th. We don't see an agenda online so we don't know how to address where it goes. We hope you read this today. The Stephen's family has asked neighbors to write thank you's to the city after the 4/11 meeting for your efforts.

1. Thank you for the effort and thinking on 4/11 that staying late was a good thing when making key decisions that will affect our family, our home and our neighborhood for years to come.

2. Thank you for understanding that no resident wants to, or ever has frivolously appealed any decision therefore changing the fee structure appropriately. I am sure this is costing the Stephens and not just monetarily. You know Ms. Stephens has been battling cancer don't you?

3. Thank you Mr. Garcia for recognizing this appeal was done on the behalf of many neighbors. Ms. Stephens said she was drawing a blank at the hour Mr. Goss brought up the midday noise as no big deal. It is a big deal. Life is no longer a 50's TV show. Our neighborhood does not all leave for work at 8AM and roll back in at 5PM with briefcases in tow. We are ethnically diverse and good citizens.

I spoke to Ms. Stephens today and I can't believe what we heard might change. She did not elaborate so I ask you to please keep in mind the following before changing conditions already agreed upon at the 4/11 meeting. Will this be continued on 4/25?

We continue to maintain that the city government is supposed to be responsible for serving the needs of it's citizens. My wife and I watched the 4/11 proceedings - it took three sittings! There was a lot of rewinding to make sure we clearly heard key components of conditions we had hoped for.

We understand what was discussed and agreed upon. It seemed clear cut but as I understand without specifics that it appears those conditions are getting chipped at AGAIN! It would be an incredibly disappointing action to be taken by either the city or Alverno, or whomever is doing this. We are wondering if it is even legal to do so after the fact to make changes without public hearing?

With that in mind - we disagree with unlimited extension of conditions allowed by the city staff who have shown a clear bias for Alverno as well as there should be no returning to the parking lot what so ever.

To quote Mr. Garcia: "This will have no teeth — if the council agrees that sometimes activity can return at Alverno's discretion."

To quote Ms. Krebs: "Some activity should be permitted in the interim . . . after the deadline for building those sports court has occurred there is no activity (on the parking lot)"

To quote Ms. Lowe: "Be allowed for 15 months then no more"

To quote Mr. Goss: I understand the noise is there for the Stephens and I am sympathetic to that I am

To quote Mr. Parkhurst: "What I'm hearing Mayor pro tem is saying that overall that we need to put a time limit activity on the top of condition"

We agree with all of the above, please do not waffle (Mr. Parkhurst's words) on what was heavily discussed and takes even more away from our neighborhood after the meeting has ended. Especially coming from a school that is so convinced they felt empowered to steal vaccines from the elderly and poor ahead of their turn. My wife and I do not trust Alverno or their false claims of christianity.

We are barely getting what we asked the Stephens to petition for after Alverno blew us off - to get the activity off the parking lot and stop the whistles. This whole matter should have gone back to the Planning Commission and because it isn't, our neighborhood has lost great environmental protections the City Council is ignoring.

I apologize to Ms. Stephens who asked to keep our thank you's short but my wife and I feel compelled that although we appreciate what was accomplished by the council and mayor on 4/11/23 we beg you not to water it down any more.

Thoughtfully submitted for your consideration.
M.Ericks

P.S. •Regarding Mr. Goss's assumption that day noise was not an issue that we neighbors come home after work. Besides the Stephens dealing with cancer and working at home our neighborhood residents work in careers and have lives that have kept us from physically being present at these meetings. We welcome the opportunity to drop a line to the city council and planning commission to say thank you.

- We are peace keepers who work graveyard shifts and need to sleep midday before next shift
 - Nurses who pull back to back shifts and sleep whenever they get a chance, day or night, also raising families
 - Teachers, public school administrators
 - Lay advocates for the homeless
 - Tele doc therapists who are working out of a home office to restore the mental health of our doctors and citizens
 - Chef who works late nights and so yes, sometimes needs to be home with baby during the day while wife works or get sleep during the day before his shift
 - A single parent homeschooling a severely autistic child which screaming and whistles are horribly disturbing
 - IT security analyst who can't think with the noise
 - JPL employee with top security clearance working on national security defenses who needs to concentrate when working remotely
 - two screenwriters
 - Entertainment industry engineer
 - More than one sandwich generation family with toddlers and trying to care for infirmed parents or family
 - Retirees caring for partner with cancer, another with Alzheimers, others who just looked forward to retiring and some peace and quiet having served LA County
 - etc. etc.
- Yes, we are "home" which also serves for some as offices. We deserve to have the noise code enforced to give us back our right like any other Sierra Madre neighborhood not living next to Alverno and their CUP. We hate having to claw back the peace and quiet of our homes but thank you for listening.