

Letters with Questions and Concerns – Batch 3

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3-a	Sally Spillane	March 21, 2024

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From: **Sally Spillane** <spillane.sally@gmail.com>

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Subject: Public Hearing, Dresser Woods

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

I am writing to address some issues regarding the proposed Dresser Woods Affordable Housing Project. I understand that at this point the the Public Hearing continues to be open regarding Parking and Lighting. In some instances these two points are intertwined.

I hope, that as I am a direct abutter to the overflow parking area, you will understand that I have a direct knowledge of the impacts of both the parking plan and the associated lighting.

I also know that at this writing revised plans have not been presented to your Commission by the applicants and therefore I cannot comment on those plans, however I also understand that there is a good chance that the public hearing will be closed before I can respond to questions that were brought up at the March 18, 2024 meeting.

I advocate for the concept of any additional parking being "phantom". The additional parking discussed will border my property and the lighting plan associated with that area would substantially affect the night sky of all the properties along the southern border of the proposed project. The proposed fence will not keep out light pollution. Many of the trees along the southern border of the project are tall and sparse at the bottom where they could not filter light and it remains to be seen how much of that border will remain. The extension of the proposed overflow parking would seem to imply the need for more lighting. I appreciate the Commission's concern regarding all the lighting on this project and hope you will continue to seriously consider it's impact on our neighborhood. A sensitive lighting plan is critical.

I also heavily advocate for the overflow parking to be pervious. It reduces the noise level in that area and is environmentally responsible. It remains uncertain how much those spaces will be used and perhaps in the future if the "phantom" spaces are needed a different surface could be considered. An additional reason for keeping those spaces unpaved and the "phantom" spaces to remain "phantom" at this point, is that once they become fully paved, used or not, they will need to be plowed and maintained. Keeping impervious surfaces to a minimum in a project of this size, where there will already be substantial disruption, is in keeping with practices we promote on both the Inland Wetlands Commission and Planning and Zoning.

Sally Spillane