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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Public comment Crystal gade #1 and Commandant Gade #3

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Dear Ms. LaPlace,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed rezoning of the old Commandant Gade School (Crystal Gade #1 and Commandant Gade #3).

As a congregant of the St. Thomas Reformed Church, I have several key concerns regarding the project's impact on our church and the surrounding community:

- Construction Disruption: Construction is proposed to begin 6 to 9 months following the rezoning, with staging planned for the property P&P refers to as Commandant Gade #2AB (mapped as Crystal Gade #2AB), directly behind the church. Construction traffic passing through the adjacent Crystal Gade #3 lot would significantly disrupt the sanctity of our church activities.
- Property Ownership and Parking: P&P suggested that government-owned parking could be utilized at Crystal Gade #3, which is currently used by St. Thomas Reformed Church. However, the church holds the last recorded deed for Crystal Gade #3 and is actively in discussions with the government regarding ownership.
- Inconsistent Parking Plans: P&P's statements regarding parking have been contradictory. While they claimed during the meeting that the development does not include parking, the formal proposal states that parking is included.
- Impact on the Neighborhood: Neighbors in the surrounding residential area raised consistent concerns about parking, traffic, trash, safety, noise, congestion, lighting, and the lack of police presence. The narrow streets in this residential neighborhood are ill-suited for commercial activity.
- Operations and Oversight: Although the proposal designates the property as a hotel, P&P indicated during the meeting that it would operate as an Airbnb-style facility with all staff contracted out, no on-site personnel, and no security.

Thank you for considering these comments regarding the proposed rezoning.

Sincerely,

Vicki Whitter
Congregant, St. Thomas Reformed Church

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