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From: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 1:24 PM
To: Council Comment
Subject: FW: Mt Olivet Church parking lot variance

For the public record regarding 8/27 agenda item #1

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From: Bev Backstrom [<mailto:bevbackstrom@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2015 4:32 PM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Subject: Mt Olivet Church parking lot variance

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Sincerely,

Beverly Backstrom

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From: Nancy S. Nash <NancyN@mtolivet.org>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 2:32 PM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Subject: Mount Olivet
Attachments: IMG_1771.jpg

Hi Janelle,

Here is a more current photo of the sign. I will be forwarding some additional as well.

Thanks for your continued help on this process!

Best regards,

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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 2:10 PM
To: Nancy S. Nash <NancyN@mtolivet.org>
Subject:



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From: Nancy S. Nash <NancyN@mtolivet.org>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 2:34 PM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Subject: Mount Olivet
Attachments: IMG_1769.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Sorry this is sideways.

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From: Nancy S. Nash
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To: Nancy S. Nash <NancyN@mtolivet.org>
Subject:



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From: Nancy S. Nash <NancyN@mtolivet.org>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
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Attachments: IMG_1770.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Another angle of sign.

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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 2:16 PM
To: Nancy S. Nash <NancyN@mtolivet.org>
Subject: Mount Olivet

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From: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Council Comment
Subject: FW: Comment on Mt. Olivet zoning appeal

For the public record regarding 8/27 Z&P agenda item #1

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From: Sheila Frost [<mailto:sfrost400@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 7:16 PM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Cc: Ziring, Emily
Subject: Comment on Mt. Olivet zoning appeal

Janelle, Emily, and the city council:

We write to register our continuing opposition to Mt. Olivet Lutheran's Church appeal for permission to retain its illegal, commercial-industrial truck barrier in our residential neighborhood.

Mt. Olivet's insistence on a massive automobile parking lot in a residential neighborhood has negatively affected the quality of life for years. The church had an opportunity to reverse course, but chose not to do so — and we didn't complain.

Now it wishes to inflict an even uglier eyesore on our neighborhood, and it is too much.

No neighborhood should have to put up with this kind of unsightly structure. The church and its professional team could easily have designed another solution, such as a gate. Instead, it illegally installed a commercial ingress-egress structure, and hoped nobody would notice.

We live here. We notice. We care. Order the church to take it down.

Sheila Frost and Dave Shaffer
5040 Logan Ave. S
Minneapolis.

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From: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Council Comment
Subject: FW: Mt. Olivet church variance

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From: Dahler, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Subject: FW: Mt. Olivet church variance

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From: Ziring, Emily
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:40 PM
To: Paulus, Jane
Subject: RE: Mt. Olivet church variance

Hi Jane,

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Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best,
Emily

Emily Ziring

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From: Paulus, Jane [<mailto:janepaulus@edinarealty.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:19 PM
To: Ziring, Emily
Subject: Mt. Olivet church variance

Emily,
My husband and I live at 5048 Logan Ave and went before the variance meeting to have the variance request by Mt Olivet denied. It was voted down 6-1. I just found out it will be coming before the city council. Do you know when this is on the schedule and what the councilwoman's opinion of the variance is? Thanks, JP



Please Acknowledge You Have Received and Read this Message. Thank you, I appreciate it.

Cordially,
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From: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:57 AM
To: Council Comment
Subject: FW: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025Knox Ave S,Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

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From: Dahler, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Subject: FW: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025Knox Ave S,Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

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Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Lynn E Lorimor
Cc: Dahler, Ken
Subject: RE: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025Knox Ave S,Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

Hi Lynn,

Thanks for sharing your and your neighbors concerns with some of the aspects of the Mt. Olivet lot. Below is the info that my other policy aide just sent to Jane- it has the info on the appeal hearing on it.

Regards,
Linea

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From: Palmisano, Linea
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:13 PM
To: Lynn E Lorimor
Cc: Dahler, Ken
Subject: Re: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025Knox Ave S,Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

Ms. Lorimor,

Thank you for writing. I will double check on the status of this tomorrow as to where it is in the process. I've been working closely with the church on a number of these parking lot issues. They've been remediating them slowly. I was unaware that there was a block meeting specifically about this and etc, I'd have loved to have been part.

The person most closely handling this on behalf of our office, Ken Dahler, is out tomorrow, back Wednesday. Please allow me to respond more fully by Wednesday.

Regards,
Linea

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13th Ward, Minneapolis

Sent using OWA for iPhone

From: Lynn E Lorimor <lelorimor@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:53:20 PM
To: Palmisano, Linea
Subject: Fwd: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025Knox Ave S,Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

Hi Ms. Palmisano,

I would like to bring to your attention the matter of the parking lot overhead signage at Mount Olivet Church in Lynnhurst. I have provided my written public comments, please read below, to the zoning board.

Some of my neighbors who were able to attend the meeting indicated that Mount Olivet erected the multiple overhead signage without permission from the zoning board. So our request is for the variance not to be granted, and for Mount Olivet to remove the multiple overhead signage which is an eyesore to the neighborhood. Normal surface signage should be sufficient for their needs.

I would appreciate knowing when this matter may be brought before the City Council, so I can attend in person along with the rest of my neighbors who live on Logan Ave South. We have met as a neighborhood block on this issue, and we all want the overhead signs taken down.

Please feel free to contact me at 612-437-7003 if anyone from your office would like to discuss. Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Lynn Lorimor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynn Lorimor <lelorimor@mmm.com<mailto:lelorimor@mmm.com>>
Date: August 17, 2015 at 10:15:14 PM CDT
To: "Widmeier, Janelle A." <Janelle.Widmeier@minneapolismn.gov<mailto:Janelle.Widmeier@minneapolismn.gov>>
Cc: "Lynn E Lorimor (lelorimor@icloud.com<mailto:lelorimor@icloud.com>)" <lelorimor@icloud.com<mailto:lelorimor@icloud.com>>
Subject: RE: RE: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025Knox Ave S,Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

Hello Janelle,

I heard from my neighbors that the proposed variance is supposed to go before the city council sometime soon. Can you please let me know when this will be reviewed, since I want to plan to attend this meeting. Thank you.

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From: Widmeier, Janelle A. [mailto:Janelle.Widmeier@minneapolismn.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 8:22 AM

To: Lynn Lorimor <lelorimor@mmm.com<mailto:lelorimor@mmm.com>>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025 Knox Ave S, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to the Board of Adjustment for consideration and added to the public record.

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From: Lynn Lorimor [mailto:lelorimor@mmm.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2015 7:04 PM

To: Widmeier, Janelle A.

Subject: Comments: Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025 Knox Ave S, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church BZZ-7265 Variance

Dear Ms. Widmeier,

The following are my written comments for the Notice of Public Hearing regarding 5025 Knox Ave S, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, BZZ-7265 Variance. Due to my work schedule, I am not able to attend the hearing in person on Thursday, July 30 at 4:30 pm.

The letter I received from the City of Minneapolis indicated that "Mount Olivet Lutheran Church has applied for a variance of the front yard requirement adjacent to Logan Ave S to allow a vehicle height barrier structure for a surface parking lot for the property located at 5025 Knox Ave S." I am providing input as a property owner within 350 feet of the subject property.

There are already three vehicle barrier height structures in the parking lot, and they are an eye sore across the street from the block of residential properties on Logan Ave S. These structures give what is supposed to be a church parking

lot the appearance of a municipal parking ramp. In short, the structures are an unwelcome addition to the already ill-advised parking lot "remodeling". If this variance is a proposal to put yet another vehicle barrier height structure directly across the street from my residence, I respectfully request that this additional structure not be put in place. If this variance is a proposal for approval for the existing three structures, assuming that permission was not previously granted, then I again respectfully request that the existing structures be removed.

As background, I moved into my property over 18 years ago. Since the "remodeling" of the parking lot in 2014, the exits have been consolidated and relocated to one large exit driveway directly in front of my property and increased to two lanes wide. On Sundays and after other church events, a constant stream of cars heads towards my house, then turns right or left, with the assistance of parking lot attendants flagging cars out and down the street. Adding yet another vehicle height barrier structure directly across the street from my property would further decrease the aesthetics from my property not only on Sundays, but every day of the year. These structures look like they belong in a suburban shopping mall and not in a residential neighborhood in Lynnhurst, let alone a church parking lot.

I would also like to note that the parking lot "remodeling" has additionally decreased the aesthetics along Logan Ave S by the church removing 6 mature Linden trees from their private boulevard adjacent to the sidewalk. These beautiful shade bearing Linden trees were replaced with small ornamental Locust trees that will never mature into shade bearing trees and will not provide any blockage of the view of the field of blacktop from the residences on Logan Ave S.

In conclusion, I willingly bought a house across the street from an occasionally busy church parking lot 18 years ago, with the view of the lot blocked by 6 mature trees, with multiple small exit and entrance driveways distributed along Logan Ave S. Now I live directly across the street from one large exit driveway, the trees removed that were capable of blocking the view of the lot, and the prospect of another eye sore of a vehicle height restriction structure unnecessarily going up directly in front of my front yard. So my input is no, please don't put up another vehicle height restriction structure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Phone: 612-437-7003

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From: Widmeier, Janelle A.
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To: Council Comment
Subject: FW: Vairance for Mt. Olivet

For the public record regarding the appeal that was on the 8/27 Z&P agenda.

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From: Kevin Myren [<mailto:kcmymyren@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 4:11 PM
To: Widmeier, Janelle A.
Subject: Vairance for Mt. Olivet

I received the notice that Mt. Olivet has requested an appeal of the decision made on their request for a variance. I greatly appreciate the decision to DENY THE VARIANCE request and beg the committee to stand fast on their decision. This was the correct decision and a reversal would be a negative for the neighborhood.

I continue to be OPPOSED to the granting of the variance. The city block size parking lot and traffic on Sundays is already a significant disruption to the neighborhood that has been allowed. The huge parking lot completely takes away from the neighborhood feel of the area. Further variance for the obtrusive height barriers is even worse. The signs, which I believe have already been installed, give the appearance of a drive in movie theater versus a residential neighborhood. When they re-did the parking lot they removed several significant trees and blacktopped everything.

Please stand firm on your previous decision and do not allow this eye sore in our wonderful neighborhood.

Kevin Myren
4941 Logan Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

August 21, 2015

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PS: I am a Mt. Olivet Church Member!