

City Planners:

In response to the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. As a resident of the neighborhood affected, I implore you to listen to the friends that are currently residing on SE Caruthers between 39th and 35th. It's easy for those looking in to base a judgment on what they would like to see, or plan another's living experience. I purchased my home on the corner of 38th & Caruthers 25 years ago. I know my neighbors, long term tenants and feel up until the last few years this area was a livable, safe, quiet neighborhood. Since the building of the Richmond Flats the experience has vastly changed. The spillage from all the improvements on Division has caused a bit of damage too. The city's proposal to extend more commercial zoning in this small area would have an added detrimental impact to those currently living on this street. We all have loving fixed our homes and yards and planned to retire here. As a gardener I can't tell you how upsetting it is to come home and see that my flowers have all been picked by strangers, people visiting the area to eat at a nice restaurant. Living on a small income, I'm now faced with the added expense of a fence. Every morning the loud clanking of delivering trucks at 5am disturbs what use to be a restful sleep. Friends don't visit because parking is too hard to find. I swear every resident in Richmond Flats owns at least two dogs, the amount of poop in my yard is unbelievable. I can't allow the nieces and nephews to play in the yard when they do come. These are things that people looking in fail to consider.

Please keep the Division Corridor on Division and let the neighborhood be a neighborhood. Really does the city prefer to drive us out one by one?

Since the Richmond Flats project the effects of the no-parking requirements has created expense and headache to those of us that live on Caruthers. My driveway is a 24-7 turnaround for those vying for the perfect parking spot, my car has been rear ended by someone not paying attention and fearing that would lose a parking space. I have been blocked in my own driveway. Individuals not vested in the area show little to any respect for the property of homeowners. To add to that congestion would be a crime.

I, as a current resident, beseech the City to amend the proposal from the CU designation to R-5 to match the current use of these properties. This is the only part of the entire Richmond neighborhood where this situation exists. The neighborhood has been impacted enough by the Richmond Flats project at 37th and Division. Do not allow the commercial development of SE Division to creep into and erode our neighborhood.

Thank you,

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