

On Dec 12, 2011, at 10:44 AM, "Lisa Thornton" <lisa.k.thornton@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Mr. Brown,

This is in regard to the development at Hillview and Richmond. I understand that the development being proposed will most likely be passed. What I am extremely concerned about, is the increased amount of traffic in the area, and how this will affect the safety and quality of life that we have in this area.

My children ages 6 and 8 like to ride their bikes on these roads. How will they be able to do this, with an additional 500 cars on the road in this area. What guarantees will the city give me, that will reduce the risks to me and my children and not affect my quality of life.

In my opinion, the city has not done much to ensure the safety of our neighbourhood. Over several years, after vigorously lobbying two different principals and the various departments at city hall, we finally have a crossing guard on the race track of Hillview Blvd. in front of Masonville Public School. But we still don't even have a concrete pad for the children to cross onto. Currently the children walk going north on Cherokee Road. They turn west onto Hillview. They walk on the road, and wait on the road while the crossing guard stops the traffic. There is no concrete pad, for the children to wait on. Does this make sense. It is especially dangerous in the winter with the ice. I have asked the various city departments (the groups that put in sidewalks, that put in these concrete pads etc) ... to have something done, but they say that it is not a priority, and there are many crosswalks that are like this, in the city. The crossing guard, out of his own initiative, places pylons on the south side of Hillview, towards Cherokee, close to the curb. This keeps the children close to the curb, and helps to keep the cars away from the children.

Maybe the city would like to hire this crossing guard full time, to put pylons on Cherokee and Hillview, to keep the extra 500 cars away from our children.

If the city can not solve a simple problem like this, when our children are currently at risk, during the winter, as the cars come barreling down Hillview on the ice, then how am I supposed to have faith, that they will take our traffic, safety and quality of life concerns seriously, with the addition of 500 cars in our neighbourhood. I understand that development has to proceed. But the city needs to have a plan that satisfies us, and the funds available to do it. And by their own admission they can't even put a concrete pad in to keep our children safe in the winter. If they don't have the plans and the funds to keep our streets safe, then I say no to development.

Please forward this to the clerk to be included in the Agenda Package

Regards,
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