

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Properties located at 1140 and 1154 Sunningdale Road East (Z-8805)
 - Ben Billings, on behalf of the applicant – advising that they are generally in support of the staff recommendation; expressing concern with the connecting road; indicating that currently both properties enjoy direct access to Sunningdale Road East; however, now that the commercial use there is being embellished, it is a huge concern to them to lose direct access to Sunningdale Road East with the advent of a connector road; stating that they have a serious concern about the impact that would have on the functionality of the commercial use, a long-term property value of the use; believing that this matter had been dealt with through the previous plan of subdivision process; expressing wonderment over why they are still dealing with this issue; seeing this as having a serious impact on their functionality and viability of the commercial use, which has been there for many, many years; thanking staff for their professional handling of this application; reiterating that this is a very serious matter that they believe may threaten the viability of the commercial use over the long term; reiterating that this is a use that has been here for a number of years and the community has accepted this use, the community has accepted the fact that it has direct access to Sunningdale Road East; asking for more consideration of this issue.
 - Mary Dann, Springhill Flowers, owner and applicant – advising that she is the second generation to this business; indicating that her daughter, who works with them, is the third generation; noting that they have been there for a while and her family is well rooted in the community as they have been there since 1841; advising that, technically, her daughter will be the sixth generation on that very spot; echoing what Mr. B. Billings, Consultant, has said; expressing appreciation for the work of the Civic Administration; indicating that this has been a four year process for them; advising that they have a development agreement with the City that was completed in May; expressing concern with the window road situation and know that it would affect the values of the properties in question; speaking to future use, that is what she does not understand, leaving it open for the access for future use, she does not see how that would happen in the next twenty to forty years; having that third generation that is stepping into the role and who plans to be there for many years just like she has; objecting to that part of it; stating that when this situation started with the overall plan to the property several years ago, she did not realize that that stamp was put over the property that that road ran through their family home and the business that was there; advising that her father had passed away around that time and her mother had taken over so it was a surprise to them when things started building up around them and they did not have the opportunity to say at that point in time, wait, we are here and we are not going anywhere; speaking to that window road issue and knowing that it would create serious harm and affect viability and property values in the future.