

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

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- Casey Kulcycki, Zelinka Priamo Ltd. I'm back. Again, I just want to say thank you to Catherine and the Planning staff for their work on this file. I do recognize that the fencing and the informal cut-through to the park has been contentious with the community on this. What it came down to was a liability, the new owner just wasn't willing to accept the liability to having the public traverse the site, the walkway that was there was directing pedestrian traffic through the parking area which in itself a safety hazard especially for children going to and from the park. When speaking with the adjacent pool owner, the pool owner did kind of recommend that the barbed wire fence is a deterrent to having the trespass and the cut-through traffic and obviously has been successful for the pool site given that use in its public health and safety, you know, in regards to having a pool exposed to a public space. So that was kind of the motivation to just extending the barbed wire fence to act as both a deterrent and to kind of protect the property owner from any future liability from having that cut-through to the park. Thank you.
- Councillor Cassidy: Any technical questions from Committee? Councillor Turner.
- Councillor Turner: Thank you Madam Chair and taking a look at the aerials on that and from street view there is actually a paved walkway through the park to that driveway and I don't know if there is anyone from Parks Planning or whomever to be able to address why the City established a walkway into a parking lot when it didn't have a formal easement agreement?
- Michael Tomazincic, Manager, Current Planning: Madam Chair, I am sorry I don't have that information handy, I did look around. I know we are going to have a member of Parks staff later on here today for another item and perhaps we can get an answer to that question at that time.
- Councillor Cassidy: Are there any members of the public who would like to speak to this? Mr. Hewitt.
- Robert Hewitt: I do not live in the area but I do support what the City is doing here. I just have one question as to regarding the special provision that is being granted here today. Current or future zoning changes in the by-law or anything else cannot effect the rights that are being granted in this special provision here today, correct? I just want to make sure that I have the right understanding.
- Councillor Cassidy: We'll get an answer to that. Are there any other members of the public who would like to speak to this application? Any comments or questions regarding this application at Village Green Avenue? I'm not seeing any interested parties so I'll look for a motion to close.