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TO: Mr. Frederick Hill, Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment  
FROM: Margie Shofer, Charles Walley, 2926 Newark Street NW  
RE: Opposition to Waiver for Macklin Property Required Parking Spots- Case BZ 20266

I am writing to share my concerns about approving the waiver to allow the Macklin expansion project to eliminate most (or all) of the currently required parking spaces.

I live directly across from the current Macklin building. Parking on this part of lower Newark Street is challenging on a good day. My husband and I share our narrow tandem driveway with our next door neighbor. Since he drives to work daily I need to regularly park on the street. There are many days when I need to park near Highland because there is no parking closer to where I live.

I often sit out on our front porch and can see who is parking in many of the spots. It's people who live in the Macklin or are visiting residents of the Macklin. It's people who are getting take out from and pre-pandemic- eating at neighborhood restaurants and going to other neighborhood spaces. It's people going to the library. Even with the closure of the zoo and Uptown (yes, people park on Newark to go to the zoo), there is still a dearth of parking. As soon as it fully opens it will be people that work out at Orange Theory. My point here is to say that the idea that additional parking for residents of the new buildings and the associated retail is not necessary

is false. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't have the need to regularly park on lower Newark.

An issue for several of us that will become worse with more people and less parking is blocking of our driveways. There have been times when we cannot get out of the driveway due to someone blocking it with their poor parking job. With less space comes more people trying to cram their car in and the result is a blocked driveway.

I have seen many neighbors complain that Cleveland Park is a dying neighborhood. We will never be able to compete with newer neighborhoods or those closer to downtown but having enough parking would help. The merchants in this neighborhood can not just rely on those who live in walking distance and not everyone who wants to eat in the CP or shop here lives near metro. Without additional parking the merchants will be adversely affected and those of us who live here and either park on the street or

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who have friends or family members visit who need to park in the street will be forced to park far from where we live.

Thank you for the consideration of this point of view.

Margie Shofer

Chuck Walley

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