

To City Clerk Prince George, BC

My name is Keith Annis and I own along with my wife Amanda the home at 621 Zelkwas Ave. It has recently come to our attention that the city has given two readings to re-zoning the three lots across from us namely 606, 614 and 622 Zelkwas Ave to multi- family institutional. We are told this will be a transition house for women in need (drug addiction, domestic abuse and pregnant women). We are also told that this building could be as high as twelve meters. I am opposed to this on a couple of levels;

We have never been contacted to get our views or opinions on this, by the city or developer. This is a nice quiet neighborhood and people in this area are proud homeowners. All over the neighborhood people are putting in new lawns and fences, residing and re-roofing their homes. I feel that this building will not fit in our neighborhood as there are only single family bungalows in the blocks closest to this proposed building. I also feel that although I am all for helping people in need, it will bring undesirables to the neighborhood. Angry husbands look for their wives, drug pushers looking for their customers and upset boyfriends looking for their pregnant girlfriends. I see nothing but issues coming out of this. Parking would be one for sure as there are times now when people at a church function park on Zelkwas and Union. Extra traffic, making the streets unsafe for small children is another. We are just starting to get families back into this neighborhood with young children riding their bikes around, moms pushing baby carriages etc. People feel safe here and I would hate to see that disappear. Not only that but it would drive home prices down after we are finally see them improve slightly. Would the church, developer or the city be willing to pay all of us the amount our house values drop? My wife and I have personally spoken to most of the homeowners and approximately 90% are against this in any shape or form. If the church wants to sell this property, they should sell it to a developer that would build single family homes that fit into this neighborhood. We really would like to stay here but if this goes forward we, along with many of our neighbors would sell ours and move making this yet another neighborhood that could have been a place where families want to live to a place that only will attract whoever can pay the cheap rent that would be forced upon the homeowners due to the circumstances. I respectfully ask that we, the residents of our neighborhood, are allowed to voice our opinion at the third reading for this zoning change. I would hope the city respects its tax payers enough to facilitate that.

Sincerely,

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