
From: Keith Harrington <kharringtonkc@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 8:26 PM

To: Marge Vogt <MVogt@OLATHEKS.ORG>

Subject: Regarding Park 169 Project

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Dear Councilwoman Vogt - I wanted to share my view on the Park 169 Project.

I moved to Olathe in 1978 when I was 4 years old. I grew up here. I attended St. Paul's, Brougham, Indian Trail and Olathe South. My son attended Madison Place, Chisolm Trail, and Olathe Northwest. My stepson attended Prince of Peace, Madison Place, Chisolm Trail, and Olathe South. I am a business owner, a tax payer, and the kind of resident you want in Olathe. I take pride in my community and in my ability to help my community thrive.

I live at 166th Terrace and Warwick, in Heather Ridge, right where this Park 169 development is planned. If it goes in, I will move. Full stop. My home and my neighborhood are beautiful, serene, and vibrant. This neighborhood is a wonderful place for families. It is protected from industry and traffic. It is what Olathe is all about: green space, families, good schools.

Park 169 will change that. It bring 700+ rental units to my back yard. Today my back yard looks out onto a corn field. It's beautiful. Park 169 threatens to put 5 lawns in the space currently allocated to 2. Think of that. Two neighbors look out their back window and see five lawns. Rental unit lawns. It will overpopulate our area, crowd our streets, fill green space with light industrial buildings, and erode the neighborhood feel of our community.

Specifically, Park 169:

- Drives property values down by installing light industrial, multi-family rental, and dense population to our neighborhood.
- Increases the amount of transient non-permanent, rental residents in a school-centered community.
- Does not consider the impact of population density on the local elementary school, Madison Place, which is already full.
- Does not adequately provide for family-friendly traffic management. To the contrary, the plan is to build a flyover ramp from 167th to 169, **bringing highway traffic directly onto the street Madison Place Elementary School sits on.** This threatens the safety of our children.
- Does not provide adequate green space for families.

- Does not provide adequate road and traffic infrastructure to support the traffic it will bring.
- Does not enhance, create or develop neighborhoods.
- Does not extend the neighborhood design that it abuts.

Like you, I want our community to grow and thrive, but I do not want to do it just to do it. Growth for the sake of growth in pursuit of the almighty dollar is generally a bad move, and that is what I see happening here in my community. We must protect our neighborhoods and our quality of life. How would you feel if your neighborhood was about to be hit with a development like this? I suspect you would feel as I do.

My family and I can live wherever we want. We chose Olathe a long time ago, but if Olathe decides that it would rather not have citizens like me, and families like mine, we will move.

I am not alone in this sentiment. Most of the families in our neighborhood are weighing this option as well, and I expect there will be a flight to other communities more protective of families, quality of life, and neighborhoods.

We have filed the appropriate petitions and hope you will see your way fit to help us stop this land grab and direct attention to something worth doing.

Regards,
Keith Harrington
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From: Morgan Kyle <morgie2104@hotmail.com>

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 3:52 PM

To: John Bacon <JBacon@OLATHEKS.ORG>, Marge Vogt <MVogt@OLATHEKS.ORG>, Robyn Essex <RREssex@olatheks.org>, Dean Vakas <DVakas@OLATHEKS.ORG>, LeEtta Felter <LFelter@OLATHEKS.ORG>, Kevin Gilmore <KPGilmore@OLATHEKS.ORG>, Matthew Schoonover <MSchoonover@OLATHEKS.ORG>

Cc: racerbait@gmail.com <racerbait@gmail.com>

Subject: Park 169

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of the South Hampton neighborhood. I attended the planning commission meeting last week to hear about the Park 169 project as its development would impact my family's daily life. My biggest concerns regarding the current plan as it was outlined are the impact to our schools and the traffic along 167th and 159th. I did not feel the plan adequately addressed those two items or at least they were not disclosed in detail to those in attendance. I am not opposed to developing the land as our city does need to increase affordable housing, but we need to do so responsibly.

If the plan is to add 700 additional homes in that area, what school will those children go to? As parents, we value having small class sizes and I am concerned about how the increased population in the area will impact that. Will a new school be built? If so, where?

How will the truck traffic from 167th be addressed, as it will go directly by our elementary school? What's the plan for the increased traffic across the railroad crossing at 159th? As of the day of the meeting, the planning department had not even notified the railroad.

I would appreciate your time and consideration in regards to how this proposal will impact those that are living in the area.

Thank you,
Morgan Kyle

From: Graham <grahamwmorsch@gmail.com>

Date: Friday, August 2, 2024 at 2:49 PM

To: Marge Vogt <MVogt@OLATHEKS.ORG>

Subject: Rezoning opposition RZ24-0005

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Hi Mrs. Vogt,

My name is Graham Morsch and I live at 19048 166th Terrace. I am writing in strong opposition of rezoning request RZ24-0005.

My main concern is about the commercial warehousing that will be built across the street from the new dwellings in this new neighborhood. It doesn't make sense to have warehouses across the street from houses and a few blocks from Madison place elementary.

One thing that keeps coming to mind is the third grade city day field trip that I went on with my daughter last year. During one of the rotations, I remember the presenter explaining to the kids that the reason for zoning is so that someone can't build a warehouse next to a school or a trash dump across the street from a neighborhood. By allowing this property to be rezoned, it goes against the basic reasoning for zoning in the first place.

Sincerely,
Graham and Brittany Morsch

Jessica Schuller

From: Graham <grahamwmorsch@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 2:50:50 PM

To: LeEtta Felter <LFelter@OLATHEKS.ORG>

Subject: Rezoning opposition RZ24-0005

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Hi LeEtta,

Hope you're doing well!

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Sincerely,
Graham and Brittany Morsch

Jessica Schuller

From: Daleen Mumaw <daleenmumaw@icloud.com>

Date: Friday, August 2, 2024 at 2:33 PM

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Subject: Against Park 169 Project Information Sheet

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Hello,

Resident at 163rd St and Warwick opposed to the Park 169 Project. Nothing in this project is good for anyone in this area, especially the students, in schools that are already at max capacity.

R,
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From: Amie Narayanan <amie.narayanan@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:26 PM

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Subject: Say NO to Park 169!

All,

I am a lifelong Olathean and what is being proposed for park 169 is not the way we should be going for our growing community!

There is not adequate roadway or realistic space for what is being proposed. No one wants to live next to industrial buildings, so why are we allowing such a proposal to be passed along in this process? Especially when there are ample EMPTY industrial buildings on the other side of 169.

If approved this will result in some of the below and so much more

1. Decrease of current property home values
2. 700 new dwellings within less than 250 acres, so think about 900-1000 people. Come to this area and please really think about what that means. There are already new neighborhoods and apartments planned just to the East of this area, our roadways and facilities can't handle this many people! This is just too dense!
3. Semi trucks driving by an ELEMENTARY school, that puts our kids in danger and adds to the increase of air pollution they would be exposed to during their recess time. The roadway here is already showing wear and constant repair (167th st) from just the neighborhood traffic.
4. Further Wildlife displacement

In addition, the city has not allowed such a development before - this is going beyond what has been allowed in other industrial complexes within Olathe. We have 2 within Olathe of M2 industrials next to neighborhoods - one has ample green space between and the other has seen an increase of crime throughout the years. This feedback I received from a city planner, not just making it up.

There is not a single person in the impacted neighborhoods (Heather Ridge, Madison Place, South Hampton) that are in any favor of this development.

The city sends out a newsletter talking about how to elevate olathe and what the overall comprehensive plan is, this is not it.

Please consider saying NO to this proposed development on Aug 20th.

Thank you,
Amie Narayanan and Family