

ATTACHMENT 5

Re: Preliminary Plan Number 120130210, Rockville (Gaithersburg!) Evangelical Mission

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Our neighborhood Walnut Hill was designed close to a century ago. And the streets are narrow with no sidewalks. That is why families with lots of children have chosen this cozy neighborhood to live in.

Before giving a building permit to this church, please pay attention that our neighborhood cannot have any additional traffic, and it's a residential neighborhood.

- Being a family neighborhood and having an elementary school at the end of N Westland Dr, there are a lot of children in the streets, especially during normal church hours, when the schools are closed.
- There is already a lot of additional pedestrian traffic for people who come from the other side and cut through the elementary school and our neighborhood to go to 355.
- Our streets are so narrow and it's a one lane traffic. When cars meet, one has to stop in order for the other car to pass. If neighbors park on both sides, one could get hit by traffic.
- Utility vehicles have a tight street to go through and at times they hit residents vehicles. During snow, our street is not that clean due to residents cars parked. So during snow, there would be more danger to additional church pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
- There is a choke on N Westland Dr after Walnut Hill Rd, where two lane becomes one lane. With resident's cars parked there on both sides at all times, any church or construction traffic creates danger to children and pedestrians in the middle of the street, hidden in the shades of the trees in that location from the drivers coming from bright open streets.



All church and Central Ave traffic have to go through this point. That's why no opening to Cyrus St should be allowed.

- There cannot be a gate from the church to Cyrus St. Not only our neighborhood is not fit for commercial traffic (church), traffic on Central Ave will use the church to cut through, once again endangering our children. Instead there should be just a sidewalk, so in case emergency vehicles come over the sidewalk and enter the church, if necessary. Absolutely no gate there please.
- The Chinese Restaurant in Walnut Hill Shopping Center, and Food lion are the only two major users of the parking lot provided. No other business there has any real traffic. About 30% closed. The restaurants clients occupy half of the big parking lot. I have filmed it on many occasions on Sunday evenings. As a result the capacity of the church should be reduced since just by realistic comparison, their allocated parking space is the same as a Chinese restaurant close by.
- People going to church should not park in front of our houses, nor drive through our neighborhood in order to get there. It's a residential neighborhood.

- What is Montgomery County's regulation for pedestrian and specially children's safety? Our neighborhood is not ready for additional traffic. Traffic brings accidents, and accidents bring lawsuits.

Concerned resident