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no to that action on kasota

already my wife who was not even 67, was diagnosed five months before death with acute pulmonary fibrosis. after all tests for genetics were ruled out, her biopsy confirmed environmental pollution from the fracking silica sand off the trains we live by Brueggers bagels.

leukemia and liver failure are from the methane on those big black round oil cars that sit on the tracks leaking that bad rotten egg smell.

Osha has listed three causes of death from fracking trains for folks living by them:

acute pulmonary fibrosis

leukemia

liver decline of which I was diagnosed now with and my wife's autopsy showed her liver four times the size it ought to have been.

My wife was healthy five months before her death, and her doctor ruled out all auto immune issues and genetics.

So more pollution? I think not. Too bad congress de regulated the states rights to stop train fracking running through and causing death.

Hi Amanda!

I currently live with my family at 2252 Folwell, Falcon Heights, MN 55108. We are just a block north of the SAP neighborhood. My husband and I also own our former home at 2095 Selby Ave, St Paul, MN 55104, so we are St. Paul property tax payers. Our children are ages 11, 7 and 3.

My husband and I in agreement with the SAPCC appeal. We are concerned about the known toxic pollutants that could be released into groundwater, etc. if this plot of land is developed. We urge the city to consider the SAPCC's position seriously and stop the development of 2495 Kasota.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

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I own 2 businesses, printing, one on Como ave and one on Kasota. I also live in St Anthony Park. I received a flyer on my door asking me to oppose the Rohn Dev. The flyer really seems like over blown concerns to me. Assuming all of the normal precautions for building are done a business doing dry recycling should not be an environmental issue. All buildings in that area have had to contend with the ash from the past. The flyer simply seems like emotion not fact. One concern that should be addressed is the off ramp from 280 onto Kasota. It is currently very dangerous for left turns. Additional truck traffic will increase the problem. A stop light or a stop sign on Kasota would help.

Fill me in if I am missing something. Bolger recycles everything in its production facilities and Rohn has been a vendor.

Hello Dik-

The proposed development has received a No Association Determination Letter from the MPCA, in addition to approved Response Action Plan and Construction Contingency Plan. The Minnesota Department of Health issued at Letter Health Consultation indicating the proposed development does not pose a public health hazard.

The applicant provided a traffic narrative to the city dated 9/26/19. This narrative identified a defined traffic pattern between the main site at 862 Hersey Street and the proposed development at 2495 Kasota Avenue. Ingress to the site will be from the east via Energy Park Drive, egress from the site will be towards the west via Energy Park Drive, and there is no proposed use of MNTH280. Turning movement exhibits for a 53-foot trailer (WB 67) and fire truck were required and provided. The driveway entrance will allow adequate space for trucks entering and exiting the site to queue on private property and not public right-of-way. The site plan shows space for 25 trailers, with a projection of 20 truck movements per day. The applicant noted that they employ their own drivers whom will be made aware of the traffic flow policy. The travel route within the traffic narrative dated 9/26/19 will become the standard operating procedure, and added to the driver's instructions.

On 10/17/19 city staff were notified in writing by MnDOT staff that the proposed driveway location at Energy Park Drive is MnDOT right of way, and therefore will require a MnDOT access permit. MnDOT staff indicated they are currently evaluating the intersection of Energy Park Drive and MNTH 280 ramps.

There is likely to be a traffic signal installed there in the future, but because MnDOT is still completing their evaluation, MnDOT could not provide information on precisely where and how the equipment will be located and configured. Based on this new information city staff and MnDOT staff have agreed that the access driveway should line up directly opposite the MNTH 280 ramps intersection. City Public Works staff will work with the applicant to review an updated design of the driveway entrance. The site plan will not be approved until it receives approval from city Public Works staff and a MnDOT Access Permit.

I hope this summarizes answers to your questions.

Would you like your comment below (along with your name/business address) included in the public record?

Amanda

Thanks for the clear communication. It seems to me that this should be approved despite the sky is falling neighborhood reaction. I do think the stop light is important. It is the traffic on energy park that causes the dangerous intersection. Pulling off the ramp with more energy park traffic will increase the danger. Please go ahead and use my comments. I felt Rohn was being unfairly maligned.

Dear Ms. Smith, I am writing to oppose the proposed development by Rohn Industries at 2495 Kasota. I live in the home I own at 2348 Hillside Avenue, in St. Anthony Park. My property abuts the commercial railway tracks that run just North of Kasota and I am within 1/2 mile of Hwy. 280. The noise and light pollution frequently make me miserable but even worse is the air quality- the dust accumulates faster than I can wipe it up, even when windows are closed. Neighbors with asthma often complain about their breathing problems, which they relate to the particles released into the air from trains and freeway traffic.

This area cannot handle anymore air pollution! The Rohn development should be stopped. I'll see you on Thursday at the hearing.

Best,

Rachel

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Rachel Fang (she/her/hers)  
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Dear Ms. Smith,

I am concerned that the proposed Rohn Industries' semi-trailer parking facility 2495 Kasota Ave will expose toxins from the historic ash dump underneath. This is especially concerning given that there's a wetland across the street.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Putz-Yang  
1136 Raleigh Street

Amanda,

I am opposed to the development of the 2495 Kasota Ave site as proposed by Rohn Industries.

I live less than 1/4 mile from Kasota Pond, which is across Kasota from the proposed project, but more importantly not only are there many families in North and South St Anthony Park whose air quality will be threatened, but the wildlife that lives in the ponds and around the site will be endangered. There are numerous migratory bird species, established heron nests, raptors, 3 species of turtles, fox, and literally thousands of terrestrial and aquatic invertebrate species inhabiting the area surrounding the site that are critical to the health and integrity of this area.

Given the history of the land use at this site over decades, including the historic Elm Street Ash Dump, the ground is already contaminated and any development will disturb and open up the substrate exposing the heavy metals, medical waste and other hazardous materials documented to be present there. The ponds will simply be unable to sustain the life found there when impacted with the inevitable runoff water.

In addition, the increased vehicular congestion along this already busy stretch of road, along with the bike commuter traffic, will make for safety issues. Currently traffic often backs up as drivers wait to enter and exit Hwy 280 ramps.

Please submit my comments in opposition to the approval of this site plan for 2495 Kasota Ave.

Thank you,  
Margot Monson

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Aside from likely contamination issues, my visual world is very important to me. That entrance, one I frequently use, and especially highway 280 is already pretty junky and cheap looking, largely due to the billboards. If anything, we should be trying it more attractive not less.

Robin Fox  
1505 Hythe St  
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As a long-time resident of the lower part of St. Anthony Park area my husband and I absolutely do not want to live with any more potentially dangerous polluting industries.

It is enough having to suffer the concrete dust from Cemstone on Energy Park Drive that is being blown all the way across to us on Brewster Street whenever the wind comes from the south west. We also have to live with the various pollutants that are coming from the railroad yard (diesel soot being just one of them). And last but not least we have to live with several chemical industries on Energy Park Drive that spell potential disasters (including fires and explosions) and in all likelihood send all kinds of pollutants into the air we breathe on a daily basis.

My husband has chronic respiratory problems and uses an inhaler almost on a daily basis. Of course, there is no way of proving that this is the result from the bad air we are breathing, but I am convinced it is. Whenever I wipe around our windows or the white aluminum of our sun porch I come away with a cloth that's covered in fine gray concrete dust. If it settles onto our window sills, it also gets into our lungs!

Susanne Nevin  
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Ms. Smith,

I am disturbed by the development plan for 2594 Kasota. A plan that will negatively impact our neighborhood's air quality is unacceptable.

I am also disturbed that the city doesn't seem to be listening to our neighborhood council. They represent the residents of St. Anthony Park. The City Council didn't listen to city residents who signed a petition to put the garbage hauling plan on the ballot. I hope that there isn't a pattern developing of the Council pushing ahead agenda items when citizens have raised reasonable objections.

Mary Pat Dunlap

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