

From: Father Thomas F.A. O'Brien
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Mundahl, Barbara (CI-StPaul); Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); lauren@sapcc.org
Cc:
Subject: Hampden and Bayless Improvements

Dear Barb:

After meeting earlier this week with the District 12 community organizer, Lauren Fulner, as well as with parishioners, neighbors and community leaders regarding the Hampden Park Project, I am now writing to modify my letter dated August 22, 2013 to you on behalf of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. Upon our review of the plans, and with greater understanding of the scope of the project, we appreciate the proposed public safety and environmental benefits and are willing to support this project for our neighborhood.

We wish to thank the neighborhood for coexisting with the parking needs of our congregation, and to ask the neighborhood's understanding of the impact on parking, which, as a result of the project, may result in the increased dispersal of parked cars on Cromwell and Bayless Avenues.

Our concern regarding the second part of the project, (the narrowing of Bayless Place) is the possible temporary loss, during the construction phase, of parking spots along Bayless Place in front of the church and former school.

We are assuming that the neighborhood will accept responsibility for the upkeep of the little orphaned "rain garden."

We do not challenge the creation of the new intersection at Raymond. In fact, as you explained to Mr. Michael McKim, one of our Trustees, the improvements make perfect sense from a safety point of view. The old intersection entered Raymond at the south end of the curve and drivers coming south on Raymond had no clear view of cars or pedestrians entering Raymond from Bayless Pl. Mr. McKim concurred with the reasons you articulated, and so do we. It therefore is not our intent to object to the new intersection.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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