

Dear council members,

My name is Richard Ritter. I own the house at 857 Johnson Pkwy. Prop #12 on block 9. I am writing with concern of item 36 Res. PH 12-334.

Because my property is right at the proposed turnaround, the increase in noise and dust levels from traffic having to turn around is of great concern. When a garbage truck that is longer than the proposed turnaround,(45x42) has to turn around, how many times will they have to go into reverse? Now multiply that by a fleet of them. Remember this area will only get smaller through winter.

I am also concerned that I cannot find any feasibility or impact studies. I spoke with Tom Higbee with Design and construction for Public works. He didn't believe his office had seen a site plan for the proposed turnaround. My concern is that over years of adding class 5 gravel, the alley is sloped much higher than my back yard. With heavy rains or melting snow, a lot of this water is already becoming a lake in my yard. I've literally had to pump water off my property to give my tenants access to their units. Will the proposed alley and turnaround have a higher grade yet? The natural flow of water run off is down English St. to the E. 7th storm sewers. 180 Degrees stated that they have green space were this water will go. How much water can it handle and how is all that water going to be diverted? Mr. Higbee assumed they would be improving with pavement and storm sewers. When I told him I believed there were no plans other than class 5 he was at a loss.

180 Degrees also stated that current parking on English St. would not be affected. How could it not? People will not be able to park in or near the turnaround without severely restricting it further.

I have elderly and sick tenants where this proposal will become more than an inconvenience. Because of their slower reaction times, merging onto Johnson Pkwy. will be difficult and dangerous for them at times. E. 7th St. has always been a much safer way to exit the alley.

Finally, who's paying for these proposed changes that no one wants but 180 Degrees? These are changes that only benefit 180 Degrees. Will there be new assessments or increased street maintenance fees?

My wish would be that Mr. Gardell (sp?) with 180 Degrees, would show as much respect, compassion, and understanding toward his new neighbors as he seems to have for his clients. As home owners, we welcome anyone who wishes to improve and better the neighborhood. But when this company wants to push through a proposal regardless of its neighbors wishes, it becomes very adversarial. This is not a good way to start a new neighbor relationship.

Our homes have been here since the 1880's. We have paid taxes and fees to maintain a **public** alley and a **public** street that has served us. Don't let a private company take a right of way, to our properties.

Please do not pass this proposal. It is simply wrong.

Sincerely, Richard Ritter

St Paul Firefighter and home owner