

Committee of Adjustment

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To City of Guelph
regarding Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing Feb 11/2021 18/20 Grove Street Application Number B-5/21

We are Hindy and Mark Kennedy, owners and occupants of [REDACTED] Grove St, Guelph, ON N1E 2W6.
We live directly across the street from the property (ies) in question.

Our initial questions are as follows.

1. Has any environmental impact been considered to this proposal? We are not comfortable with the plan of removing a mature tree for the purposes of building a new parking lot. Grove Street is a historical, quaint, delightful residential street. Less trees and more parking lots could be establishing a precedence for Grove that is harmful and ugly.
2. Grove Street and the St. Georges Neighbourhood is at the heart of Guelph. There have been reports in local media that some Guelph neighbourhoods might be given a special heritage status and development be matched to specific historical criteria. Are we neighbours to an attempt to rush a change to our beloved street that will be exempt from this thoughtful, potentially heritage sensitive process?
3. What consideration has been given to Hillcrest Park access? At present the sketch gives no indication that adjacent to the concrete wall where it meets Grove Street is an informal but popular entrance and exit to the park. What consideration has been given to protect or even enhance our park?
4. Does the severance and variance proposal involve the creation of a wider driveway for use of both properties or does it mean the creation of a second driveway? Both possibilities seem to lead to greater traffic and safety concerns as Grove Street in this section is steep, winding and involves blind spots galore for drivers and pedestrians.
5. What will this severance mean for traffic levels in the area? Will the proposed home be a rental unit with multiple cars and negative impacts on noise, pollution, traffic, deliveries etc?
6. The sketch implies that the proposed new house will have a garage built within and it's location implies that the existing concrete retaining wall is going to be removed or modified to allow for vehicle access. Since the concrete wall is part of the Hillcrest Park access for pedestrians, community input on wall matters seems to be in need of full attention.

We look forward to presenting these concerns at the online meeting on Thursday Feb. 11th 2021.

truly,
Hindy and Mark Kennedy
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"I think that may be the highest purpose of any work of art, to inspire someone else to save themselves through art.
Creating creates creators."
- Jeff Tweedy