

Dear Cathy Downer & City Officials,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new apartment building at the Hugh Guthrie Park located at the end of Echo Drive. This park is a vital resource for our community, especially for young children like mine.

The proposed development would result in the loss of valuable playground space. This park is the only safe and accessible place for children in our neighborhood to play and socialize outdoors. Removing this space would have a significant negative impact on their well-being and development.

Furthermore, the construction of an apartment building raises serious concerns about parking availability. Street parking in our neighborhood is already limited, and adding a significant number of residents without designated parking would create chaos. This would not only be inconvenient for residents but could also create safety hazards as people struggle to find parking.

I urge the city council to reconsider this proposal and prioritize the needs of our community. We need to protect our green spaces and ensure that our children have a safe place to play. There must be alternative solutions for housing development that do not come at the expense of existing park space and create parking problems.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to voice my concerns further at a public hearing on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Newbigging

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