

From: [Rhoades, Wendy](#)
To: [Rhoades, Wendy](#)
Subject: Re: For ZAP 2-1-2022 C14-2021-0161 - West William Cannon Housing
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 9:05:15 PM

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Hello Ms. Rhoades,

I'm writing to submit additional comments for the Zoning and Platting Commission meeting on the 1st, if it's not too late. I am adding an additional concern that I thought of since submitting my original correspondence. Please excuse what I have repeated in my emails/comments for the sake of keeping this in one document.

I live on William Cannon very close to the multifamily residence intended to be built at 3101 W. William Cannon Drive. (Case number C14-2021-0161)

I am extremely troubled by this plan for a multifamily resident, or any building, to be built there. This part of William Cannon is already overly congested. The traffic would make it almost impossible for me to turn out of my home onto William Cannon; it's already very difficult as it is. I'm additionally troubled by the noise, light, and air pollution the construction of a 300-unit multifamily residence would create in this already crowded part of William Cannon.

For those who contend the addition of this apartment complex would reduce the cost of living, I would invite you to consider whether or not Austin's cost of living has increased or decreased in the past 10 years as the construction of multi-family residential buildings has exploded all over the city. With all due respect to the individuals who make this argument, you must either be lying or in denial yourself. I've lived here for 11 years and can attest to the fact the cost of living has only increased dramatically, and we have more apartment complexes than ever. I am no longer able to live in the neighborhoods I used to live in because of how expensive they've become, in spite of how many new residential buildings there are. I am far from the only person and family tragically affected by this.

Most importantly, we cannot afford to continue building apartments in these untouched green spaces. We are losing too many and this once beautiful green city is turning into a concrete parking lot with plywood condos built in every green space we have left. Not only is this project proposed to destroy another beautiful, untouched green space, it is proposed to destroy an actual nature preserve. There are many species, some endangered, that depend on the health of that ecosystem. We are in the middle of a climate emergency and we cannot build projects like this wherever and whenever we want without irrevocable damage to our environment -- for us and future generations. I am sick and tired of the pockets of these developers continuing to line while the environment, and that includes we humans, suffers tremendously for it. These are not the values this beloved city has stood for in the past.

This space at 3101 W. William Cannon is beautiful and sacred. I've been walking to it for 11 years to watch the sunset, along with many others. It would be devastating and deeply troubling to have yet another apartment complex built here. We need more green spaces, and to protect this one at 3101 William Cannon. I, along with my neighbors and fellow residents, will do everything possible to stop this. I am urging you to as well.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

-Eva Lorini

On Fri, Jan 28, 2022 at 12:26 PM Rhoades, Wendy <Wendy.Rhoades@austintexas.gov> wrote:

| **All,**

The Zoning and Platting Commission (ZAP) agenda and the updated Staff report with all correspondence received to date are provided in the link below. The West William Cannon Housing rezoning case (Item B-1) is slated as a discussion item.

Please refer to page 6 for a link to register in advance of the meeting to address the Commission. Page 7 includes information about parking validation and Speaker testimony time allocation.

Staff report (with page numbers): [ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET \(austintexas.gov\)](#)

Please note, the ZAP meeting has the option of allowing the public to participate via telephone as well as in-person. **In order to address the ZAP Commission by telephone, please be sure to sign up through the Commission Liaison Andrew Rivera prior to Noon on Monday, January 31st. In-person speakers are able to sign up any time prior to the ZAP 6 p.m. start time.**

Sincerely,

Wendy Rhoades

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