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Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:14 AM
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Subject: Proposed storage warehouse - Boxgrove

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Good morning,

I would like to express my concern and dismay at the proposal of a commercial self storage warehouse in Boxgrove.

My family have been residents of the Boxgrove community for over 10+ years and highly opposed to the proposed commercial structure. We reside on the ravine lots situated on Smoothwater Terrace that we paid a hefty premium to enjoy the natural environment. The addition of the proposed commercial self storage warehouse does not belong with this scenery. This glaring 24-hour eyesore will be in direct view from our bedroom window.

We have no use for this storage facility in the middle of our beloved and thriving neighbourhood. The company has informed us these storage warehouses are only accessed minimally once the items are locked away by the users so there is little traffic disruption. Consequently, it will just remain a concrete behemoth that adds no value to the residents and detracts from our enjoyment of the natural elements.

Since these stored items are not accessed regularly, then there is no need for it to be visible from my front door. Our family shops at Walmart and other retailers in the Smart Centre on a daily basis and welcome any other store or service that would benefit our community. The storage facility is a dumping ground for excess junk and should be somewhere less obtrusive and frankly out of sight and mind. The location of the warehouse should be moved to another more appropriate area. Nobody would object to an extra 10 minute drive to access their stuff every once in awhile.

With the current construction of the condo townhouses in the parking lot and the work/live units along Copper Creek, the storage warehouse is the last thing our community needs. The monstrosity of a building will contribute to an already claustrophobic feeling in that cramped area.

I am hopeful the city will take our concern seriously as this permanent warehouse will impact our daily lives.

Thank you,
Beatrice Bogart

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:47 PM

To: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

Subject: Storage Warehouse in Box Grove Meeting June 22, 2021.

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My name is Rita Camilleri and I have been a resident of Box Grove for almost 15 years. I am writing to you once again in opposition of the Smart Stop Storage Warehouse that is being proposed in my community of Box Grove.

Before I state a few thoughts about this proposal, I would like to share with you my disappointment that the residents were not notified earlier about the meeting taking place on Tuesday June 23rd at 9:30am. I was notified on Friday evening after 5:00pm for a meeting that is taking place on Tuesday morning. That is not enough notice for the average working person especially those of us who are educators, in our final full week of school. I'm not sure if this is the norm, but I feel like more notice should be given so residents can defend their communities. I don't see why an additional meeting day was added this week to discuss this proposal. It isn't an emergency and could have waited until the fall so the community would have been better prepared.

I have stated in my previous email to you that I believe a storage facility should be placed in an industrial location or at the very least, near the 407. It does not add any value to the community like some of the other shops in the mall, such as Walmart, the spa or hair salon. Also the fact that it will be open 24 hours a day, it could generate a lot of noise during the night.

We were told at the previous meeting on November 3rd 2020, that Smart Centres did not want to add any additional shops or restaurants because it was not a viable endeavour during this time and would prove to fail. Yet Arista built a whole street of work/live towns with shops and restaurants? If this is a community that doesn't need to have additional restaurants or shops, why would Arista be selling towns that have space for shops and little cafes in each unit on Copper Creek? Also, the developers stated at the meeting that they would include shops on the ground floor of the warehouse. But that doesn't make sense if we were to believe that this area doesn't warrant shops and restaurants due to low volume of traffic. It seems that making money is the sole factor here and not what would add value to the residents of the Box Grove community.

Another issue is parking. This building would be replacing an existing parking lot. With the addition of townhomes to the south of the proposed development and the lack of information about the plans for the rest of the land, it seems premature to take away valuable parking spots. It would be a nice gesture if the owner of the land shared with the community their plans for the rest of the land as opposed to us being told every few years of a new development plan when initially we were told that the mall would consist of restaurants and shops. Will more parking spaces be taken away in the future? Will we end up with very limited parking in the mall?

Many community residents and council members agreed that if this storage warehouse was going forward in the proposed location that it should be shorter in height. The developers did state they would shorten the structure however they only dropped the height by 8 feet on part of the building, not the whole structure. This is not enough. It's still too tall. I feel if it is going to go into that location, it should be the same height as the existing commercial buildings and not be compared to the heights of

the townhomes. The developers consistently stated during the meeting that their structure was similar in height to the townhomes currently being constructed. However the townhomes are residential, not commercial. This is a huge structure and at the current proposed height it is the tallest and largest structure in the community and will stand out, and not in a good way. If it has to go here, it should be shortened to the same height as the CIBC bank or Walmart. What about the suggestion made by some of the counsellors to go underground? Was that suggestion ignored by the developers? This warehouse is storing stuff, and doesn't necessary need to be fully above ground.

Again, I would like to refer to the meeting that occurred on November 3rd 2020. During that meeting, it was quite evident that every single community member in attendance was against this proposal. Also, a petition was conducted with over 350 respondents was overwhelmingly in opposition of this development in our community. During the meeting, it was apparent that many of the counsellors in attendance seemed to be opposed to the location of this development as well (it was discussed that it should be moved closer to Highway 407). Many of the residents at the meeting agreed the storage facility would be better suited closer to the 407 and Donald Cousins, which is in the same mall.

I am hopeful that some suggestions will be considered and shared with the developer as I am unable to speak for myself. I am hoping that if this development must go in this area that the height would be shortened to meet the heights of the commercial buildings in the mall and in the community.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering some of my thoughts in this email. Your time is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Rita Camilleri
Sent from my iPhone

From: McKone, Robert

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:57 PM

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Cc: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>

Subject: Proposed Development in Box grove at the Walmart Plaza

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To whom it may concern.

On Friday June 18 I received information with regards to a meeting being held on Tuesday June 22 to discuss a proposed development in Box Grove at the Walmart Plaza. The proposed development is a storage facility.

Due to the very short timeline I am unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments.

Therefore I am sending this e-mail.

I am dismayed that this short timeline does not allow community members enough time to re arrange their commitments to be able to attend the meeting to address this issue.

During a recent meeting on November 3, 2020 (I believe that was the date) every community member that spoke was opposed to this development, including myself. At this meeting a petition from over 300 community members was presented and over 98% of the respondents were also opposed to this development. The message was loud and clear, we do not want this storage facility!!

The discussion during this meeting then changed from building the storage facility on Copper Creek, to building it in the same plaza but closer to highway 407 and Donald Cousens. Finally a proposal was made to build in the same location but reduce the height of the building. The community members in attendance all agreed with the idea of moving the proposed storage facility from the Copper Creek site, basically saying that we do not want the facility but if it must be built it should be further away from the existing residential dwellings. When one of the council members suggested a reduction in the height of the building, but still in the same Copper Creek location all of the community members in attendance were still opposed.

I trust that the council members will remember the wishes of their constituents on Tuesday June 22. We do not want this storage facility to be built in the Copper Creek location!!

Thank you for your time.

Robert McKone