Hi Travis,

Thank you for following up and keeping this moving. We respect the Council's concerns, and we want to be clear about where we stand so nothing gets lost.

Buses: We're asking that no bus limitation be placed on the property. Right now no other property in the area has one. The hotel and the ice rink can both operate buses with no restriction. We're a K-8 school under North Carolina law and we're allowed here by right, so we don't want a condition that could block us (or any future business on this site) from offering something families may ask for. We only use activity buses today, and we're a small school. If we ever added more, we'd be talking about 2 to 4 buses.

Our biggest hurdle was the missing turn lane however our civil engineer has already designed it, so we have this. The lot already holds fire trucks, which are about the same size as a bus, and the turnaround was built to the fire department's exact radius. A bus can use it too.

Fencing: We'll install fencing where our insurance and security recommendations call for it, and the plans show those locations. We'd ask that it not become a required condition, since no other facility nearby has one, and because no access from the creek is possible being that water separates it on the backside of the property and the pet palace has a barrier along the side of their parking lot that abutts our because of their animals.

Flood zone: We're following every County requirement, and the County issued the exemption. They've been clear that we can't move forward without those submissions, so we don't have more to add. Any business here would have to build to the flood requirements, and we will as well.

We've been a school for 5 years, and student safety is always our first concern. But with each meeting the list of asks seems to grow, and we'd like to reach an endpoint especially now that we are in the 8th month of these meetings. Everything else we plan to do follows the ordinances. Our one request to the city is approval of the parking lot where it sits on the side of the building, for safety. Moving the building up to the street would put preschool children right on the road, and no school in North Carolina is set up that way.

However requiring all these additional restrictions so that the city will approve our one safety request of keeping the current parking lot at the safe distance between the road and the school or requiring us to uproot a pre existing parking lot to keep additional restrictions frlm being added to our property , puts us in an odd predicament as an operating school but also as a business that is in this area.

We'd appreciate approval of the parking lot as shown, without added restrictions beyond city ordinance and county requirements.

Thank you,
Dria