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Good evening,

I wanted to write and express my support for the new development plans, as well as the concerns I have.

I grew up in Westwood, and am in the process of buying my mom's house here. We moved here a year ago, and my son attends Westwood View as a 1st grader.

I love this neighborhood, and one of the things I love so much about it is how walkable it is! And walkable from the perspective of going places. I live within walking distance of the elementary school, two grocery stores, several restaurants in Westwood, Fairway and KCK, and other shopping and services, and within biking distance of even more.

I love the idea of having more options within walking distance, especially restaurants. I also love the idea of a bigger park, especially if it includes restrooms. I considered having my son's birthday party at the mini park, but ultimately decided against it, due to the lack of restrooms. Considering that there used to be a radio station at the new WWV site and a church in that neighborhood, I do not think additional traffic is a major concern.

In fact, I would support apartments, townhouses or duplexes (the "missing middle" housing) in that area. It seems to me that the apartments by Woodside have only been a good thing.

As far as traffic goes, an excellent enhancement would be to include pedestrian bumpouts at the intersections on Rainbow, which decrease the distance for walkers and cyclists and slow cars naturally. Leaving grassy strips and trees will also be helpful at slowing traffic. I would love to see these types of designs incorporated throughout our very pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

My main concern with the development is simply making sure that we can support additional businesses. The fairway shops have at least two empty storefronts, and the shops in KCK along County Line Road have two empty restaurants.

My main concern with the park is keeping all of the lovely old trees. It would be an absolute shame to terraform the park and remove beautiful and historic trees. I also wish that we could return the dedication plaques for the trees planted in memorial, such as the tree planted for Ms. Sheradon, a teacher who died the year before I reached her grade. My class was there for the dedication of the tree.

Thank you for all of your work on this project.
-Stephanie Weaver

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