

This email is in regard to Public Hearing File No. 00-030 for the Avon Prairie House located at 71 N. Livernois. My husband and I are the original owners of our home at 1361 New Life Lane. We view the Northwest side of the Avon Prairie House through our Southside windows. Overall, Donald Westphal has been a good neighbor, cooperative and friendly throughout the years. Likewise, the Heart Peace Hills Homeowners have been good neighbors to Don Westphal and his tenants.

I understand there is a request for additional business hours. The current information I have is Monday –Friday from morning until 9:00p.m. From late spring through fall, business hours have not been a problem because there is landscape cover. During late fall, winter and early spring, it is a different story.

Parked cars and trucks and people walking around the Northwest side of the house are completely visible. Moving traffic is visible around the circle drive heading toward Livernois. Business personnel work long hours, and with dark, dreary Michigan days headlights come through my kitchen windows ongoing. Sometimes ambulances & medium duty trucks idle in the Prairie House lot at odd hours of the night. People & vehicles already come and go beyond the normal business hours. On Thanksgiving Day, someone parked and worked throughout the holiday.

I am not in favor of increased hours or hours as needed without conditions. I propose the first condition identified below because it is permanent. The second condition may work in the interim if managed properly:

1. The existing wooden fence between the Prairie House and Heart Peace Hills Common area should be replaced by the applicant. This fence has never been adequate, and it is time for a sturdy, much taller barrier to block the business from homeowners view year round. This is the original fence, and it has fallen down and been repaired many times. It needs ongoing maintenance. Homeowners have often repaired broken and missing boards to expedite privacy.
2. A second condition for consideration would be to restrict after hour & weekend parking to the Southside of the house between the Prairie House and Carriage House. This should limit after hour disturbances.

If there is any additional input I can provide or if you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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