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Fwd: Orion road Baptist Church expansion project

1 message

Planning Dept Email <planning@rochesterhills.org>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 9:32 AM

To: Maureen Gentry <gentrym@rochesterhills.org>

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From: **Kristin** <beesonkr@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 10:57 PM

Subject: Orion road Baptist Church expansion project

To: <Planning@rochesterhills.org>

Hello!

My name is Kristin Altz and I am a resident at [324 Hillview St, Rochester Hills, MI 48306](#) with my husband, Mike. We received a notice regarding a large expansion project for the Baptist Church next to our street off Orion Rd. We cannot make the town hall but wanted to pass along our thoughts on the matter.

I am concerned about the effects this project will do to our natural areas and traffic congestion on Orion road. It is already difficult to turn out of our street with the already high traffic volume. We are also right next to a hill where visualization of traffic can be difficult.

We also moved to this area because of the existing natural beauty here. If the expansion destroys the current habitat, we will have lost some of the value in our property here. If the plan is to destroy the trees and natural wild areas toward the rear of the property, I am very against this.

I am also concerned about the increased noise levels this would create, both during construction and afterwards with high numbers of people that will be nearby. I would be okay with the creation of a playground for the church, but would prefer no additional structures to be built on the property. And if structures are to be built, minimizing the damage to the natural areas is very important.

I just wanted to forward my opinion on the matter and say that I am NOT in support of this expansion. I would prefer the church remain smaller and more quaint, which is more fitting for this area of beautiful northern Rochester Hills.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kristin Altz
248-885-1211

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6377 Orion

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Alisa Brewer <alisabrewer78@hotmail.com>

Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 4:40 PM

To: "planning@rochesterhills.org" <planning@rochesterhills.org>

Hello my name is Alisa Brewer. I live at 325 Hillview, we just bought our home 6 months ago and the reason we bought this house was because the area, all the trees how quite it is and all the wildlife we get. It is so quite and peaceful. We do not think it is a good idea for these changes to be made to the property. How about all the traffic and noise this would bring. We fill the church is big enough for the area we love to look out our back yard and see nature we don't want to see church. It will effect our homes in a negative way so we are against the changes. Please we live here this is our home where family and love is growing. These people can go home to their quiet peaceful places. We want to keep our. Thank you for listening to our

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Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 7:15 AM

To: Alisa Brewer <alisabrewer78@hotmail.com>

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Alisa Brewer <alisabrewer78@hotmail.com>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 7:35 AM

To: Planning Dept Email <planning@rochesterhills.org>

Thank you. I appreciate it.

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From: Planning Dept Email <planning@rochesterhills.org>**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:15:52 AM

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To: Alisa Brewer <alisabrewer78@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: 6377 Orion

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To: Maureen Gentry <gentrym@rochesterhills.org>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 9:58 AM

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Expansion of First Baptist Church

1 message

carla smith <carlaland2050@hotmail.com>

Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 8:44 AM

To: "Planning@rochesterhills.org" <Planning@rochesterhills.org>

Dear Planning Commission,

I wish I could find the words to enable you to see that to change a huge church into a Mega

Church will materially alter the neighborhood and have a negative impact on the wildlife, noise level, traffic flow and privacy and security.

Frank Lloyd Wright said it best when he said architecture should fit the time and the place. The expansion does not fit the time nor the place. We are in the midst of a pandemic which due to health restrictions has caused diminished church attendance. Will we be looking at a derelict or abandoned building in the future because of the economic downturn caused by the pandemic? The church is asking for an 8,400 sq. foot expansion in a single family neighborhood. That is 4 times the size of most houses on Hillview. It is like asking to build four houses in a concentrated area.

An increase in traffic flow could alter the ability of the fire department and ambulances reaching residences on the north side in time.

Increased traffic flow will prevent young night time catechism students from getting home and in bed so they can get up at six o'clock in the morning to attend school the next day. It happened to us at a different church where there was a twenty minute delay getting out of parking lot. Traffic jams made religious classes impossible.

There will be the noise of construction the surrounding taxpayers will be asked to endure while the church is tax exempt. Will the noise scare away the deer, wild turkeys, pheasants we enjoy seeing in our yard? I can hear the 5 children who live in the parsonage playing in the yard and it is music to my ears. But 10, 20 or more children on the proposed playground would be noise. Trees are being removed. I feel more trees should be planted to buffer noise and ensure privacy. As it is I can't sunbathe in my backyard because my yard can be seen from the church. What if I wanted to put in a pool?

The church is not a master example of modern

architecture like the Cranbrook museum of art and gardens. If this expansion goes through I must ask that my property taxes be cut in half as it will affect my ability to attract a buyer for my house when most buyers are looking for a secure country location.

I wish the church would invest in greener investments like a vineyard, orchard or vegetable garden and discreet greener architecture that would benefit the parish and their neighbors. Traverse city library has a child's garden where they learn to grow herbs and harvest them for pizza parties. They also have a beautiful sun dial and rose garden where they teach children to tell time using the rays of the sun.

Again, Frank Lloyd Wright said it best: "Nature is my manifestation of God. I go to nature everyday for inspiration in the days work. Study nature, love nature stay close to nature.. It will never fail you".

Best regards,

Carla Smith



Maureen Gentry <gentrym@rochesterhills.org>

First Baptist Church Construction Proposal

3 messages

Doug and Cathy Stanczak <doug.cathy.2019@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 7:05 AM

To: gentrym@rochesterhills.org

Maureen

My wife Cathy and I live on Hillview Street next to the First Baptist Church. We were recently notified about the proposed construction project at the church. We moved to this lot because of the peace and quiet that is offered by the natural surrounding area. The church contributed to this desirable atmosphere due the fact that mass is in session primarily only on Sundays. We are concerned how this new addition to the church will affect the current state. According to the construction plans it appears that several additions will be constructed including a school/classroom. This is very concerning as this will draw a considerable amount more people to the church property, and directly affect our natural setting. I would like to understand how the traffic will change in the church property. For example, will there be busses every week day in the morning and in the afternoon transporting children? What level of traffic adjustment do you expect with this new addition?

Thank you

Doug and Cathy Stanczak

Maureen Gentry <gentrym@rochesterhills.org>

Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 9:55 AM

To: Scott Reynolds <S.Reynolds@aka-architects.net>

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