

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**To:** David L. Corliss  
**Subject:** RE: Decembver 02 Agenda Item #06 - HERE @ Kansas Development

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**From:** Gascon,John A [<mailto:John.Gascon@edwardjones.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 02, 2014 12:31 PM  
**To:** Diane Stoddard  
**Subject:** Decembver 02 Agenda Item #06 - HERE @ Kansas Development

Diane,

Please include the following in the packet for tonight's City Commission meeting.

Dec. 02, 2014

Mayor and Commissioners,

I respectfully request that you approve the request to revise the Preliminary Development Plan, PDP-14-00183, to meet the parking requirements of the project and consider approving the original request to eliminate 100 parking spaces from the development.

Considering agenda Item #3 regarding the 2014 Climate Protection Agreement, it is important to recognize the long-term environmental impact of enforcing investment in automobile parking. Progressive communities across the United States are reducing parking requirements and eliminating 'free' parking, especially in urban centers, to discourage automobile use and reduce reliance on automobile transportation which improves both environmental and economic sustainability:

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2013/07/04/boston-limiting-new-parking-number-residences-soars/kYMnkSr6l55wBMgH4d7VKP/story.html>

This is a tremendous opportunity to make a progressive stand for sustainability.

I ask that you consider the research of Dr. Donald Shoup, Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA, one of the foremost experts on parking and urban planning:

<http://shoup.bol.ucla.edu/>

In his book, the High Cost of Free Parking, his recommendations to remove off-street parking requirements in order to improve cities, the economy and the environment is explained through extensive research. If you don't have time to review his book or CV you can watch a short video here: <http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/4439920/eliminate-free-parking#sp=show-clips&v=4439920>

Thank You,

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Mayor Mike Amyx  
Lawrence City Commission  
Lawrence, KS

1 December 2014

Dear Mike:

I would like to express my strong objection to excusing the developers of the proposed Indiana Street apartment complex from providing adequate parking on-site for their tenants. I am writing because believe that the Lawrence City Commission needs to hear about the parking situation on campus from someone with firsthand parking experience. I regularly (6 days each week) park in the lots being affected by the proposed arrangement with the University. Teaming up with KU to require 100 of the tenants to park in University parking lots does not ameliorate the parking problem in the Oread neighborhood, it just creates additional problems exacerbating the difficulties of parking in the area.

The two University parking lots in the area are often filled to capacity already. The University lots are expensive and many students and visitors choose to park along the streets. Unfortunately, there are not enough parking places in the two lots and along the streets and relatively close to campus to accommodate the current students and staff. If the tenants of the newly proposed housing complex purchased long-term parking passes in the lot, there would just be increased difficulties for students, staff, and visitors.

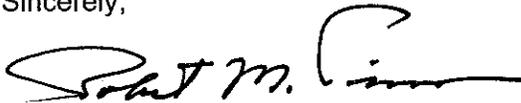
The museums on the north end of campus already suffer from inadequate parking. The Spencer Museum of Art lost hundreds parking spaces a few years ago when the parking lot to the north of the building was converted to a football practice field. Complicating that, they also lost needed swing space for buses and large trucks making deliveries. There truly is now inadequate parking for museum visitors close by.

During home football games, all vehicles with paid passes to use the University parking lots there on the north side of campus are required to remove their vehicles so that football parking can be accommodated. Forcing the 100 vehicles that are from the apartment complex to park on the streets will exacerbate parking for visitors and staff on those days. It is already very difficult for staff to find parking on football Saturdays.

Converting the parking along Mississippi Street to metered parking is a very poor choice for staff and students. Those spots fill well before 8:00 A.M., despite being a considerable distance from the buildings where folks work. These parking spots fill so quickly in the mornings that they are unavailable for students or visitors to campus.

I urge the City to reject the proposal to use KU parking spaces to accommodate residents in the newly proposed Indiana Street apartments. Parking in the Oread neighborhood affects hundreds of people, including neighborhood residents, university students and staff, and visitors to the area. The proposal before the Commission will truly exacerbate the already-difficult parking situation. Please feel free to share this letter with others on the Commission.

Sincerely,



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## Megan Gilliland

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**From:** Megan Gilliland  
**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 8:34 AM  
**To:** Bobbie Walthall; David L. Corliss; Diane Stoddard; Casey Toomay; Brandon McGuire  
**Cc:** Scott McCullough  
**Subject:** Fwd: HERE@KS and Oread Parking  
**Attachments:** Hultine correspondence.docx; ATT00001.htm

Correspondence on HERE project. Megan

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kyle Thompson <[kthompson@sunflower.com](mailto:kthompson@sunflower.com)>  
**Date:** December 1, 2014 at 7:13:06 AM CST  
**To:** City Hall email <[CityHallemail@lawrenceks.org](mailto:CityHallemail@lawrenceks.org)>  
**Subject:** **HERE@KS and Oread Parking**

Dear Commissioners,

Please find attached my correspondence with Donna Hultine, the Director - Parking and Transit at KU.

It illustrates how KU parking at GSP and Corbin is overflowing onto Oread streets, across the street from the proposed HERE development. My view is the overflow will just become worse from KU alone, much less the addition of HERE overflow.

Thanks, Kyle Thompson

Hi Kyle – I'm so sorry I completely spaced this out. Yes, you're right, GSP/Corbin permits are oversold (actually, all categories of permits on campus are oversold). There are 307 spaces available for this parking permit. We've sold 373 of these parking permits. Overflow parking for these permits is lot 94 on the east side of the stadium. I do believe that residents would rather try to find parking on nearby city streets than to park at the stadium.

It is my hope next year to keep a waiting list for parking for these residence halls and not oversell – overflow parking would only be offered at the west campus park & ride lots and we'd offer 24-7 transit back to the residence halls. This has not been approved at this point. I'm afraid the result might be that residents who don't get a permit for the proximate lots will choose to park on the city streets without any permit.

I took part in a study the city conducted about parking in the Oread neighborhood. The report recommended some kind of parking permit system there too but I'm not sure where the city stands on this. Luckily, it looks like [HERE@KS](#) will have to provide all of the requisite parking for their project.

Please let me know if you have other questions? Thanks!

**From:** Kyle Thompson [<mailto:kthompson@sunflower.com>] **Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2014 8:02 AM **To:** Hultine, Donna R. **Subject:** Parking at GSP/Corbin

Hi,

Following up on this concern, I walked 11th from Tennessee to Louisiana, Ohio from 11th to 10th and 10th from Louisiana to Tennessee.

I found 33 cars with GSP/ Corbin stickers on these blocks parked on the street. There were 3 with yellow parking stickers.

I would suppose there are similar numbers on Indiana, Louisiana and

Ohio South of 11th.

Thanks! Kyle Thompson

Hi,

My wife and I live at 1041 Tennessee. We co-own a rental property at 1042 Ohio. I have been in a number of city meetings that you attended.

Recently, I have noticed more cars parked on Ohio, 10th and 11th. I have talked to a couple of GSP/Corbin residents who parked on Ohio. They said there wasn't enough parking at the dorms. Today I noticed a number of stickered cars on Ohio.

There are major concerns in the neighborhood about parking reductions requested by various developers, including the HERE@KS development, located a block away from GSP/Corbin.

I am requesting information on the number of parking spaces and permits sold at GSP/Corbin.

Thanks, Kyle Thompson