

Takeda, Michi

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Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2023 11:06 AM
To: Takeda, Michi
Subject: FW: CUP #3278 - Proposed Revision

Hi Michi,

This comment can be forwarded to the HO and posted. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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Dear Mr. Rocque,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed increase of the number of students at Sequoyah School at this time.

I would recommend the opportunity for the school and neighborhood to experience and evaluate the current limit under the CUP of 195 before allowing the school to raise the limit to 216 students.

Sequoyah had only at 174 students last year according to Marc Alongi of Sequoyah. This school year has just recently started (with 181 students according to Marc) and we have had very little ability to evaluate the impact of that number. The neighborhood has never seen the full impact of 195 students.

The rationale for having the stepped increase (which was not the idea of neighbors, but rather structured as a compromise by the initial Hearing Officer Paul Novak) was to judge the impact of increased numbers on the neighborhood. We have never seen the impact of 195 students.

I do want to acknowledge that Sequoyah has been very responsive when issues have come up, but there have been issues with traffic and parking. With the large number of additional persons - not only students but additional faculty, staff, and administrators, there is potential for major negative impacts on the neighborhood. And it should be remembered that the neighborhood in which the school is located is on the National Register of Historic Places because of its distinction as the largest concentration of Greene and Greene homes anywhere in the world.

The concern as a neighbor is the not only the impact of more students during the day, but the increase by the church of their busy events business progressing forward.

Our hope is that we experience the current limit before granting any increase. This doesn't seem like too much of a burden for the school and is in keeping within both the letter and the spirit of the CUP as originally decided by Paul Novak, who approved the school with much neighborhood opposition. It was a compromise condition which seemed fair and equitable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William W. Morris

