

Subject: Public comment/One Church Expansion Gahanna Ohio
Sent: 8/26/2024, 6:46:31 PM
From: Erica Raymore<[REDACTED]>
To: CouncilStaff

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Hello, I own the property at 818 Eastchester Dr, Gahanna Ohio. My property flanks One Church's parking lot. I'm expressing disallowance of the approval of the expansion project. In the last several years of the church's growth and removal of the greenery, trees and wildlife behind my property I've experienced one issue after another with water intrusion into my yard. I have had to make thousands of dollars in remediation to address water intrusion into my yard and into my basement. I was not informed nor was I given permission in advance of the removal of the greenery, trees and wildlife flanking my backyard. Should the expansion proceed my property's value could be in jeopardy due to the loss of the beautiful green scape which makes my lot so appealing.

Mrs. Erica Raymore Hunt
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Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History.
Laurel Ulrich Thatcher

Subject: One Church Expansion Plans Comments
Sent: 8/28/2024, 3:34:21 PM
From: Marcy Depew<[REDACTED]>
To: CouncilStaff

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Include these as public comments related to the One Church Final Development:

1. What does the City of Gahanna get out of this expansion? Tax money? Additional huge event space? Additional parking that can then be used for something else? Are all the attendees from Gahanna?
2. One Church should be transparent as to why they would leave a 22,000 sq ft addition and adjacent parking lot vacant 6 days/ week. It is already noted they are thinking about Saturday services now. What are their plans to get their money back - rent it out? Bring in busloads of people? Hold outdoor sessions so everyone in Ohio can hear them?
3. They stream their services (yes, I watched part of one). Where does all of that money go? Not Gahanna, I am quite sure.
4. They are removing 187 mature trees - will the 150 replacement trees be mature? Or will they need 25 years to get there?
5. The noise currently is ridiculously loud - every Sunday I can hear the base through my closed windows with the TV or music on. We have called and left messages, and called the Gahanna police regarding the nuisance and how loud it is. There was no response from One Church and nothing has changed in the decibel level of the revivals every week.
6. What would the potential "noise barrier" walls consist of? All around the property? How tall?
7. Will you be buying our properties at a steal because the value of them will tank if this is built?

Trust me, GOD CAN HEAR YOU from here, One Church!

A very concerned Gahanna citizen who has been here since 1989. Our taxes are going through the roof, but we have chosen to stay. This is an abomination in this community.

Marcy Depew

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Subject: One Church Feedback August 28 Meeting -Planning Commission
Sent: 8/28/2024, 6:43:04 PM
From: Maura O'Donnell<[REDACTED]>
To: Planning Commission

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the One Church application for Development Plan, Design Review, and Variances of their parking lot.

I am concerned about the amount of parking required by One Church. This already large lot would become even more massive and take up a majority of their property. This is extremely unsightly and incentivizes the use of individual vehicles and driving to the church. As a city, Gahanna should be helping everyone to drive less to decrease the effects of climate change, increase pedestrian safety and the general appeal of the city. If possible, I'd encourage One Church to start a carpool sign up or since they are so large to start a bus pick up service where they could pick up members of the congregation with a church-owned bus. This would also help those with accessibility needs like the elderly or who can't drive to attend the church.

I am also concerned by One Church's request for a variance on landscaping for the parking lot. Trees and landscaping spread out across the lot help with absorb water runoff, provide shade, and induces traffic calming all of which are desperately needed in a lot of this size. Traffic calming especially needs to be considered here due to the extreme size of the lot for pedestrian safety. The trees would encourage drivers to slow down and make them more aware of their surroundings. Landscaping in the parking lot will also discourage possible safety dangers when the church isn't in session like those who would like to use the lot to try to do driving stunts like donuts.

In addition to safety and environmental reasons, landscaping would be much more pleasant to look at than an entirely empty lot a majority of the week. Gahanna is a city for people, not cars. We should be encouraging all businesses and organizations with property to minimize parking and car traffic as much as possible.

I understand that Planning Commission must approve things that are legally allowed but I ask the Commission to consider what is best for the city and to ask One Church if they have considered other options instead of a massive empty parking lot. And if One Church hasn't then please as the Commission encourage One Church to seek out other options that would be better for Gahanna and their congregation's future.

Please do not approve the development plan as it with so many parking spaces. And if you must then please bring this problem of allowing so much parking to the zoning department for consideration to change.

Thank you,
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