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County Zoning Commission
2825 3rd ave N
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August 13th, 2022

re: zoning change 1017 from CMU1 to CX-lot 1, Blue Creek Storage sub

To all concerned:

Taylor Kasperich, Performance Eng. has requested a zone change that is not acceptable to our area.

Many believe that this chance for a "car wash" will not be the only business opened on that corridor.

But giving Performance Eng. the benefit of doubt, a car wash is not a neighborhood friendly business! There are usually loud blowers, increased traffic, heavy traffic delivering soaps and waxes, diesel powered vehicles hauling large campers, boats, horse trailers and equipment associated with car washes. There is extra lighting and extended hours of operation at such places as well.

There are two car washes with 2 to 3 miles of this location. Both located in Holiday Service Stations. So the NEED for such a service is unwarranted.

They are not permitted to access entry off Blue Cree Road do to safety issues which would mean more people trying to enter the highway. So they are preposing entering and exiting off Santiago. While this would stop yet another outlet onto Blue Creek Road, the traffic factor still needs to be considered. No matter where they come from, it will still be an issue for entering the highway.

We own three properties in Quanta Subdivision. This car wash would be FEET away from our back doors. This is not a neighborhood friendly business! While we look forward to new development in our area, again, a carwash is NOT NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDLY!

We oppose this zone change and feel it would be detrimental to the neighborhood and impose a traffic issue that is safety related. We do have school buses on the highway picking up and letting children off at various times.

We did not oppose the storage units as they were thought to be neighborhood friendly and have been. A carwash is a whole other thing!

I worry that by allowing the carwash, with the amount of land left over, we will be setting ourselves up for other businesses that are not a plus to our neighborhood and could end up devaluing our properties.

We oppose this change wholeheartedly! Three votes NO!

Thank you,

Sherry Daniels
James Smith
Devin King

Husman, Karen

From: Cromwell, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:47 AM
To: Husman, Karen
Subject: FW: City Council Zoning Comity for Cedar Park on 9/6/2022

Please share with the applicant and agent.

And reply to Shirley that you received the comment 😊

From: Meyers, Shirley <SMeyers1@billingsclinic.org>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 6:37 PM
To: Cromwell, Nicole <CromwellN@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Zoning Comity for Cedar Park on 9/6/2022

I am writing in reference to the Zoning Meeting for the car wash that is scheduled for 9/6/2022. I am very concerned about the safety of having the entrance and exit to this car wash on Santiago Blvd. We already have the traffic flow from the people that live in Cedar Park and the water fill station that is located right at the beginning of Santiago Blvd. Then on Blue Creek Road we have the entrance for the Blue Creek Boat Ramp, 2 entrances to the Quanta Subdivision, Casey's Corner, Blue Creek Storage, the garbage trucks that pass by many times during the day, Hillcrest, and the church. Blue Creek Road already backs up traffic on Santiago and it makes it tough to get out safely. In the winter, the roads can be very slippery from the water that spills out of the trucks and then to add more moisture it will be like an ice skating pond coming off of the hill. We also have children loading and unload off the school buses that are already in danger. This car wash will cause even more dangerous traffic for the children walking around this area.

Please, please don't allow this car wash to have an entrances and exit onto Santiago Blvd as this community will have undesirable consequences to this action.

Regards,

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Husman, Karen

From: Cromwell, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:47 PM
To: Husman, Karen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Blue Creek Storage Car Wash

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From: Heather Haynes <racemama@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Cromwell, Nicole <CromwellN@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Blue Creek Storage Car Wash

My name is Heather Haynes. I am a homeowner and resident in Cedar Parks Subdivision.

It has come to my attention that Blue Creek Storage is requesting a zone change to Heavy Commercial, and to place a car wash off Santiago.

With the growing number of homes south of Santiago already, Blue Creek Road is already becoming increasingly difficult to get on and off to Santiago. Adding more traffic to Santiago by creating the entrance and exit on Santiago would make this even more difficult for us homeowners to access, increasing the danger of being on that road. We have already seen significant growth in the area, this will increase the dangers associated with adding traffic.

Currently, with the water-fill station, we are already experiencing a backup of vehicles to access Blue Creek Road from Santiago. If a vehicle is turning left onto Blue Creek Road, you can expect to sit behind them for several minutes, or longer depending on the time of day, regardless of which way you are wanting to exit Santiago onto Blue Creek Road. Adding a left-turn lane would be a potential solution.

Cedar Park Subdivision only has one access road – Santiago. There is no other option. Adding traffic to that one road could also pose a potential for safety issues for emergency responses if the road is congested with traffic for a car wash.

Have you seen car wash lines backed up around town on a nice day? Imagine that on Santiago, where traffic would be lined up on Blue Creek Road in the turning lane, just waiting for a car wash, and no one that lives up there can get home.

Further, there is already a HUGE backup of traffic each morning and afternoon due to the school bus stopping on the highway in each direction for children. Several children from the Cedar Park Subdivision walk down to the bus and back home in the afternoon. By adding traffic to Santiago – we are putting those children in more danger.

I am begging for this zoning request to be denied for the safety of the residents of Cedar Park Subdivision.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Haynes