

April 24, 2024

Mayor Dana Ralph  
City of Kent  
220 Fourth Ave. S  
Kent, WA 98032



Madam Mayor,

On behalf of the West Hill Cambridge Neighborhood Council, we extend our thanks to you and your staff for always being willing to share your insights and hear our concerns. Our annual meeting was well attended; I assume it was because you were there.

As promised, allow us to share those concerns and requests shared by members of our neighborhood at this meeting:

- Large request from neighbors along S 262<sup>nd</sup> Street relative to excessive speed (there were five households in attendance along with a signed report/request for revision/petition listing 15 residents which I will append to this letter). *I travel that route all the time and concur that this strip is for some reason prone to picking up speed; this continues then up the hill onto 46<sup>th</sup> Ave/Carnaby. I suspect a speed bump or two on 262<sup>nd</sup> could help but may divert traffic to a right hand turn on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave S then turning left at S. 263<sup>rd</sup> which is another neighborhood filled with children.\**
- Abandoned and disabled vehicles parked on streets and in yards are commonplace and deemed a nuisance by neighbors. There is a question about where responsibility lies within the city to make contact with owners for proper handling and/or disposal. (collective report to follow)
- Derelict properties, likewise
- The intersection at S 264<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave & Hampton Way is an unregulated multi-directional problem that could use a study on controlling flow.
- Request for lane management/revision/clarification on Military Road S at S 268<sup>th</sup> (noting turn lane confusion) *This was created with the addition of that new housing tract south of St. Columba's Church.\**
- Glenn Nelson Park noise control, night lighting and vagrancy in the wooded area on the north end of the park, east of the fire station. *Most WHCNC discussion over the years has concluded that the parks are a treasure to the neighborhoods and valued by families and walkers.\**
- S 272<sup>nd</sup> corridor during rush hour and during Islamic Center service release (two separate issues). *Kent Police used to create deterrents by parking off the side of the road westbound at about 36<sup>th</sup> Ave; just this sight caused speed caution.\**
- Zoning/road safety along Military and Reith Road/S 259<sup>th</sup>/S 260<sup>th</sup> (from West Fenwick Park all the way to Pacific Hiway S). *I believe this is a collective set of issues: parking at the park; light rail construction impact on road safety (lines very difficult to see especially at night); derelict green belt area behind the old Albertson's and impact on wetlands as well as local businesses; dark crosswalk and poor lighting at that same area.\**

As you know, the neighbors here are fully vested in creating the safest neighborhood possible and welcome your support and remedies for these safety concerns.

Again, thank you for your kind consideration and support for what is best for the West Hill of Kent.

*\*Italicized comments are mine*

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