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Subject: [External] Tonight's council meeting

Hello,

Many of you know that I emailed council members last week regarding the proposed child care facility on Harwood avenue. Other parents from Wauwatosa and St John's (across the street from the proposed Child Care site) were told that tonight's meeting would have had time for public comment. It seems we had been misinformed.

I would just like to restate my concern for the already-crowded traffic signal to the immediate West and the railroad to the immediate east of the proposed Child Care site. With increased traffic, it makes me very nervous that someone is going to get hurt. I hope that this is not the case, and signage or painted crosswalks or something can be added to the street if we are past the point of asking for a traffic study.

Both my husband and I are educators. Quality child care and education are extremely important to us! We are not opposed to the child care facility. I am merely expressing my concern for pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle traffic through this corridor. Many other St. John's parents have also shared this concern as we have had some close calls down that road. We heard a 15-minute drop off zone is planned. While that sounds good, I don't know if any of you have ever tried to get a baby and toddler out of the car, into a building and dropped off in that amount of time (not to mention if there's a need to talk to a teacher or snow). Hopefully it would help, though.

I would love for this email as well as the other communication that parents have sent to be noted by the council during tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, my husband and I have other commitments we cannot change to get to tonight's meeting (or at least not on time). We will be logging on as we're able.

Please note that we appreciate the time and care that council members take to govern our city. We simply wished we had been able to be involved in this process more.

Best wishes on tonight's council meeting,
Jen Wolf
Wauwatosa parent
District 8

P.S. Mayor, I would encourage you to remind all council members to always respond with professionalism and courtesy to all constituents. Several parents received harsh and flat-out mean responses to sharing their concerns. Thank you