

From: Virginia Waller
To: [Robin Proebsting](#)
Cc: [Wendy Weiker](#); [Cindy Goodwin](#)
Subject: Re: Parking Exemption for MICA
Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:14:42 PM

There are a lot of people waiting for a comment opportunity on MICA's land grab. When will that opportunity be provided? And for the record, since the thrift shop parking is only accessible through a residential neighborhood, I vehemently object to marketing it as parking for MICA's night YTN classes, camps and other events. It's already used to capacity for the most part by Mercer Island residents (who pay taxes to support it), shoppers and occasional off-island visitors. MICA patrons should use the parking MICA provides in the commercial parts of Mercer Island. Sending their patrons into residential neighborhoods as the primary means of addressing parking is irresponsible and unneighborly. In fact, I expect the city to put up signs that say "no MICA parking," in that lot and enforce violations.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Robin Proebsting <robin.proebsting@mercergov.org> wrote:

Greetings Virginia,

No, I am not aware of any plans to transfer ownership of any City property to MICA.

I think the suggestion that MICA could or would use the Thrift Shop parking lot comes from the parking plan submitted by MICA as part of its SEPA review. The parking plan included a suggestion that the Thrift Shop parking lot could provide an opportunity for shared parking for evening events. This parking plan—along with all of the materials submitted for review—is still under review, and no proposals or plans in the submitted material have been approved by the City.

On the topic of MICA, note that City's website has a page on MICA with general information and a FAQ, available here: www.mercergov.org/MICA.

Best regards,
Robin

From: Virginia Waller [<mailto:virginiawaller@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Robin Proebsting <robin.proebsting@mercergov.org>
Cc: Wendy Weiker <Wendy.Weiker@mercergov.org>; Cindy Goodwin <Cindy.Goodwin@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: Parking Exemption for MICA

Robin,

I heard through NextDoor that MICA is taking ownership of the Thrift Shop parking lot. I like to verify things I hear on that site, so can you confirm for me whether the City is planning on dedicating that lot to MICA nighttime use, intentionally sending swarms of audience and cast members into a residential neighborhood to access the parking?

At that point, as a resident of Mercerdale, I would prefer to just add a parking lot on the business side of the park.

Please advise.

Thanks, Virginia

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Virginia Waller <virginiawaller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Robin Proebsting
Subject: Re: Parking Exemption for MICA

Super. What is the method to provide public comment to the Planning Commission? What is the procedure for ensuring that impacted businesses and residents receive notice?

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From: Robin Proebsting <robin.proebsting@mercergov.org>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Virginia Waller
Subject: RE: Parking Exemption for MICA

Greetings Virginia,

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments on MICA. Please note that the SEPA review currently underway is a review of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures. It does not authorize any construction or approve a specific design. It also does not provide any kind of "code exemption".

MICA has, however, submitted an application for a Zoning Text Amendment to modify the standards in the zone in which Mercerdale Park is located—a request to change the

code, not get an exception to the code. Zoning Text Amendments require a public hearing held by the Planning Commission, who would then make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council holds a public meeting and would ultimately make the final decision.

Best regards,
Robin

From: Virginia Waller [<mailto:viriniawaller@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Robin Proebsting <robin.proebsting@mercergov.org>; Council Mailbox <council@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: Parking Exemption for MICA

Apologies -- the proposed redesignation to handicapped is on 32nd.

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From: Virginia Waller <viriniawaller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:42 PM
To: robin.proebsting@mercergov.org; council@mercergov.org
Subject: Parking Exemption for MICA

I recently heard a rumor that MICA will receive a code exemption such that a facility that will host hundreds of performances and competitions each year, drawing up to 500 spectators, will have no parking whatsoever. Not only that, I heard that you are taking well-used street parking on 34th by Mercedale Park is being removed from public use and being reserved as handicapped for MICA's benefit, and to the prejudice of the rest of MI who uses these spaces. If this is correct, then

I vehemently object. MICA has proceeded on the representation that it will figure out parking, and provide ample parking for its visitors and uses. I do not mind if streets are restriped to assist MICA in meeting its requirements, but it needs to secure the balance of parking required to meet Code requirements.

Please ensure that there is ample notice to park users and residents prior to putting any such change into effect. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

First it was a performance center in the corner of the park. Now it sprawls across the park, with fire lanes and stormwater facilities. Now it is parking on City streets and in residential neighborhoods. What next? Please make MICA adhere to its

original promises, and contain itself to the corner of the park and secure sufficient parking.

Virginia Waller

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