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Subject: MICA @ Mercerdale Park

MICA is a wonderful organization for our community; however it could become a negative organization for our community if it is allowed special considerations above other peoples and organizations.

You may remember that I offered a seven figure number as the beginning of a community effort to purchase the Hines property for a Plaza (at the same price Hines offered the property owners). In the original focus group, it appeared the number one community idea was a Plaza. Buying the Hines property would solve what the community desired and would make the Hines property owners whole. My thought the Plaza would include the MIKA organization as one of the main attractions.

This ideas would not only solve MIKA's preferential treatment stigma and the parking problem but the entire plaza concept would be a very attractive addition to the community.

If the MIKA project is allowed to go forward, parking will be a disaster. As I understand, temporarily one may be able to use the Farmers Insurance parking lot, but you and I know Farmers is not going to encumber their property long term.

Since the pizza business was allowed an exception in parking, parking has already been compromised without any customers. I attend the Covenant church and quite frequently used the RiteAid parking when our church lot was full. RiteAid had graciously allowed the church to use their extra parking spaces. RiteAid has every right to lease the space to another tenant but the city should not have allowed exceptions regarding the parking. Now one cannot find a parking space to attend church on Sunday because many times it is full with customers for the Farmers Market. Now add the pizza business and MIKA.

So now will the city use eminent domain to condemn other people's property because the city needs to build a parking garage.

The suggestion I made above is still a simple solution that would save the park for all and provide MiKA with a wonderful venue for its contribution to our city. Please do not allow MIKA to occupy our park.

Thank you.
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