

From: [Carol Williamson](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); [Tom Thomson](#); scorbin@savannahga.gov
Cc: [Steve Vickery](#); [Nicholas Palumbo](#)
Subject: Mega storage facility / Victory Drive
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 12:22:50 PM

Dear 'decision makers' ~ Please know that to allow such a huge 'out of place ' new construction in this area is going against many citizens valid concerns of the negative impacts ! We are looking to you for help in preventing it ! I'm unable to attend meeting & extremely grateful for citizens that are taking time to not only attend ,but to help keep us informed!

Thank you ,
Carol Hammock Williamson
401 Windsor Road
Savannah, Ga. 31419

SPRAWL IS A PRESERVATION ISSUE--take 3 minutes a copy this email to the folks in charge!

Did I mention to send this form letter to protest the hideous mega warehouse? Well here it is! Meeting: AUG 25 THURSDAY MPC 112 EAST STATE ST

Jack Butler, butlerj@thempc.org
Tom Thompson Thomsont@thempc.org
Shane Corbin scorbin@savannahga.gov
Need a sample letter? We gotcha covered:

Mr. _____,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals Aug 25th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities are designed to be visible, attention-grabbing structures, that are brightly lit to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Furthermore, the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. It is my understanding that a property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations to allow the developer "another bite of the apple" after he merely tweaked the application.

Thank you,

Meeting: AUG 24 THURSDAY MPC 112 EAST STATE ST

Sent from my iPad

From: [Rob Hessler](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Cc: [Tom Thomson](#)
Subject: Mega Storage Structure
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:19:07 PM

Dear Mr. Butler,

My name is Rob Hessler and I am the co-chair of the Parkside Neighborhood Association.

I am writing you on behalf of the many, many neighbors who have expressed their disappointment to me regarding your decision to allow the street designation variance to once again be heard concerning the storage structure at [8203 Limerick Street](#).

On March 24th, 2016 over 30 Savannahians came to a weekday ZBA meeting (many of them taking time off from work) to protest this monstrosity that these developers wish to construct. Issues such as crime, truck traffic, 24-7, 365 day illumination, the in-progress MPC Victory Drive Corridor Study, and, most importantly, the fact that it would be the tallest building outside of downtown (taller even than Greyson Stadium!) were brought forth, with considerable research and effort by concerned citizens.

This new design is so similar as to be barely distinguishable from the original. Changing a few minor details and Photoshopping some trees in front of the design does not make it any less of the neighborhood-altering mega-structure that it was as presented only 4 months ago.

I urge you to reconsider your decision to allow an exception to the "twelve month rule" on this property, and remove this from the agenda until March of 2017. And if you should choose to hear this petition again, I urge you to DENY this variance. The people of this area have already spoken, and we do not want this.

Thank you,

Rob Hessler

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Suzi Lee](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); "scorbin@savannahga.gov"; [Gary Plumbley](#)
Cc: "jhall@savannahga.gov"; "jmiller03@savannahga.gov"
Subject: Limerick St. variance
Date: Monday, July 25, 2016 2:57:15 PM
Importance: High

The development along the Victory Drive corridor is essential to maintaining the historic beauty of Savannah. We must allow the Victory Drive Corridor study to be completed and presented before any further development is authorized. I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street.

Parkside Neighborhood is a historic neighborhood that is slowly being eroded by cut-through traffic trying to avoid the already overcrowded Victory Drive/Truman Parkway intersections. Allowing this Storage Facility to be built will only increase the congestion at that intersection and our neighborhood.

The city and county are constructing the Truman Linear Park trail to link the Daffin Park area to the Lake Mayer . How ridiculous to have a beautiful greenway end at a giant storage facility? As you can see, this would not be a good fit for this area. It is not needed, not wanted and more importantly will serve zero use for this area.

<http://www.trumangreenway.org/map/>

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities by their nature are visible, attention-grabbing structures, and they must be lit constantly in order to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the areas. Staff recommendations in favor of this development should not be permitted.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

For the sake of Savannah and it's residents, please deny this variance.

Respectfully,

Suzi Lee

Co-Chair, Parkside Neighborhood Association

From: [Gary Plumbley](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Storage Facility in Midtown
Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:30:49 PM

FYI

From: Jeri Gale [mailto:pickingsisters@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:25 PM
To: Gary Plumbley <plumbleyg@thempc.org>
Subject: Proposed Storage Facility in Midtown

I am writing to express my opposition to approval by the MPC of a proposed 4-story storage facility in midtown near Victory Drive.

I am a resident of Baldwin Park and frequent the Limerick Street area for shopping and restaurants. Some days I take the "long way" back home to drive by the nearby horse pasture just for a bit of respite from the concentration of noise and commerce.

It was my understanding that the proposal had already been denied. None the less, we need less building in that area, not more in my opinion.

Best Regards,

jeri
Jeri R. Gale
Best Regards,

From: [Nick Palumbo](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Cc: [Tom Thomson](#); SCorbin@savannahga.gov
Subject: Mini Storage - Mega Problems
Date: Friday, July 22, 2016 7:49:18 PM
Attachments: [13719719_10154336213522402_1503087059023561167_o.png](#)

Mr. Butler,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals July 28th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities by their nature are visible, attention-grabbing structures, and they must be lit constantly in order to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area and severely damage quality of life. Staff recommendations in favor of this development should not be permitted.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Thank you,

Nick Palumbo



From: [Mary Landers](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); [Tom Thomson](#)
Subject: FILE NO: 16-003672-ZBA
Date: Sunday, August 21, 2016 10:16:23 PM

Dear Gentlemen:

I was very disappointed to see this mega storage structure back for the consideration of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The ZBA denied this very request in March. I know because I was there. I had to take a day off work to attend. Now I have to take more time off despite the fact that it's not supposed to be allowed back for 12 months after a denial.

The record of the decision clearly states:

"Upon a finding that relief, if granted, would cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes or the intent of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance (criteria 4d) a motion was made by Tonia Miller and seconded by LeShaun Lovett that the Zoning Board of Appeals adopts the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals does hereby deny the petition for a variance from the requirement that such as use be located on a collector street of greater. "

This hand waving about the petition being different because now it's not asking for the buffer doesn't matter. This variance about the collector street was already denied in the formal written record approved by the ZBA chair and also signed Mr. Butler as secretary. Nothing is different about the collector street status now that it's five months later. This petition should not even be heard again so soon, let alone approved.

Thank you,

Mary Katherine Landers
1220 E. 49th Street

From: [Robin Deaux](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: RE: Multi-level storage facility
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 7:39:03 AM

Mr. Butler,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals Aug 25th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities are designed to be visible, attention-grabbing structures that are brightly lit to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area. I had an extremely difficult time recently selling a property in the 52nd street area of Ardsley mainly due to the high number of vehicles that are constantly speeding through the area. We definitely do not need MORE traffic in Ardsley, Parkside or Victory Drive.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Furthermore, the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. It is my understanding that a property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations to allow the developer "another bite of the apple" after he merely tweaked the application.

Thank you,

Robin Deaux

From: drlavonne@aol.com
To: [Jack Butler](#); SCorbin@Savannahga.gov; [Gary Plumbley](#)
Subject: Storage Facility on Limerick Street
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 5:34:14 PM

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals July 28th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities by their nature are visible, attention-grabbing structures, and they must be lit constantly in order to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area. Staff recommendations in favor of this development should not be permitted.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Thank you,
William J Lavonis
Kurt S Ollmann
1225 Washington Ave

Sent from my iPad

From: [Barbara Foley](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Mega Storage Behind Whole Foods
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 9:54:21 PM

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals Aug 25th. I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities are designed to be visible, attention-grabbing structures, that are brightly lit to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Furthermore, the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. It is my understanding that a property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations to allow the developer "another bite of the apple" after he merely tweaked the application.

Sincerely,

Barbara Foley

From: [Gretchen Hilmers](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Storage facility.
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 4:23:00 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2016-07-19 at 12.44.23 PM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2016-07-19 at 12.47.58 PM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2016-07-19 at 12.58.57 PM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2016-07-20 at 9.35.28 AM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2016-08-22 at 4.12.01 PM.png](#)
[Screen Shot 2016-08-22 at 4.12.26 PM.png](#)

Dear Mr. Butler,

I'm writing to express my objection to the storage facility/variance being requested behind Whole Foods. A structure of this magnitude is not suitable for this location given that it will not only tower over people's homes but the streets are not what's needed to adequately accommodate this size of business. I've attached images that I created in photoshop showing what the actual size would be in comparison to the homes that it's being built next to. The quality of life for these residents will, quite literally, be overshadowed by this mammoth structure.

While Savannah currently doesn't have a height restriction on buildings, you can clearly see, it probably should. This structure would cause harm to the little community in this area not only with it's size but also trying to jam moving trucks back there along with the delivery trucks for Whole Foods and Petsmart.

A few weeks ago I was driving in the back to check out the sign (which isn't really posted correctly) and noticed how delivery trucks are doing some of their unloading for the businesses in the back. In the photo you can see that where the street has been widened a car might be able to get through, but certainly not other trucks safely. Additionally, the road gets smaller again just past that and that small road is actually the size of Limerick.

In the screen grab from google maps you'll see a resident is parked in their driveway and there are other cars parked in the area as well. I can't imagine an untrained person who has just happened to rent a truck to haul items to this possible structure trying to get into this area. The largest moving trucks available are about 26' feet and trying to make these turns safely is not a reality.

In addition to the argument presented above - we just had this project rejected and a year hasn't passed. What type of precedent are we setting for developers when our own rules of a one year waiting period aren't enforced? If we do this for this developer then we have to do it for all future developments and that just plain scares me.

To have to continue to fight the same fight for a project which is just a little different from the original one is asking so much of your community.

Please, don't allow the variance, stand by the original rejection and let's move on.

Thank you,

Gretchen Hilmers

From: [Alan Seidman](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); [Tom Thomson](#); scorbin@savannahga.gov
Subject: Proposed Storage Facility on Limerick Street
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 8:14:46 AM

Representatives,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals on Aug 25th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities are designed to be visible, attention-grabbing structures, that are brightly lit to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. **We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.**

Furthermore, **the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. It is my understanding that a property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations to allow the developer "another bite of the apple" after he merely tweaked the application.**

Thank you for thinking about, and for caring about the future of Savannah's neighborhoods...

Alan Seidman

Parkside Resident and PNA Member

Happily Retired Science Educator

From: [A.S.](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Multi-story Storage Facility
Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 7:49:49 PM

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street, which was recently considered and rejected, yet is once again back on the MPC agenda.

The proposed facility will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. The bright lights which this facility will necessarily employ will cause severe light pollution in the community abutting a historical district. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. A storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue, interfering with what is ostensibly a bike route and an already grossly-neglected walking trail. Is the MPC looking to current and future trends in sustainable, people-friendly spaces, or are you mired in the past in your determination to haphazardly devolve the Victory corridor area into another resident-hostile, dated and seedy DeRenne/Abercorn? These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Thank you,

Aimee Sullivan
Parkside

From: [Laura Seifert](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: opposing the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 9:44:20 AM

Mr. Butler,

I am writing to strongly oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street, scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals Aug 25th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area. A storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets. This is entirely too much traffic for tiny streets like Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue, which are streets where bikes may use the entire lane.

Furthermore, the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. A property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations.

Thank you,

Laura Seifert

Parkside Resident

Laura Seifert

Co-chair, Savannah Heritage Emergency Response

<http://sheronline.info>

[Digging Savannah](#)

public archaeology through community partnerships

[Find us on Facebook](#)

From: [Frances Smith](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Storage Facility Application
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:48:56 AM

I am writing in opposition to the proposed storage unit behind Whole Foods on Victory Drive.

- This facility will damage the quality of the surrounding neighborhood and contribute to serious "commercial creep".
- The scale of the proposed facility is ridiculously inappropriate.
- The application has already been denied as submitted and the current application has no real evidence of material change.

Please deny this application

Frances Smith

From: [David and Patti Stracener](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); SCorbin@Savannahga.gov; [Gary Plumbley](#)
Subject: opposed to storage facility
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 2:57:33 PM

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals July 28th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities by their nature are visible, attention-grabbing structures, and they must be lit constantly in order to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area. Staff recommendations in favor of this development should not be permitted.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Regards, Patti and David Stracener

From: [Barbara Durel](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Storage facility
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:49:10 PM

Mr. Butler,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals July 28th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities by their nature are visible, attention-grabbing structures, and they must be lit constantly in order to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area. Staff recommendations in favor of this development should not be permitted.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Thank you,

Regards,
Barbara Durel
1501 E 50th St
Savannah GA. 31404

From: savhmame@cs.com
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: MULTI-LEVEL STORAGE FACILITY ON LIMERICK STREET SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ON JULY 28
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 4:13:59 PM

Dear Mr. Butler:

Re: Multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street scheduled to be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 28th.

As an in-excess-of-twenty-years resident of the Parkside area, I would like to lodge this formal protest on the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street.

This type of structure is not at all compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. I am firmly convinced that such an edifice will devalue my property value, a circumstance that, as a senior citizen, I can ill afford. Please do all in your power to defeat staff recommendations in favor of this development.

Extremely negative types of traffic would be engendered by this development: truck and trailer traffic, at all hours. Light pollution - necessitated by security measures inherent in this type of project - would be severe. This neighborhood is not structured to support this dramatic, offensive development.

Please help to assure that this inappropriate development does not invade our neighborhood.

Thank you in advance,
Rebecca J. Herdman
1412 E. 49th Street
Savannah, GA 31404

From: [Christa Rosenkranz](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); [Tom Thomson](#); scorbin@savannahga.gov
Subject: Oppose the proposed storage facility
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:50:07 PM

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals Aug 25th. I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities are designed to be visible, attention-grabbing structures, that are brightly lit to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Furthermore, the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. It is my understanding that a property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations to allow the developer "another bite of the apple" after he merely tweaked the application.

Thank you,

Christa Rosenkranz-Taylor
christa.rosenkranz@gmail.com
[678.799.4772](tel:678.799.4772)
737 e 40th st, Savannah, Ga

From: [Leia Morrell Sills](#)
To: [Gary Plumbley](#); SCorbin@savannahga.gov; [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Opposition of Variance for multi-level storage facility.
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 3:30:10 PM

Dear MPC members,

I am writing to oppose the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals July 28th.

I believe that the building itself will cause substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential community. Storage facilities by their nature are visible, attention-grabbing structures, and they must be lit constantly in order to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area. Staff recommendations in favor of this development should not be permitted.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater.

Thank you,

Leia Sills

From: [Julie Rogers Varland](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Mega Storage Development - OPPOSE
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:55:50 PM

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am writing to strongly oppose both the variance and second hearing on Thursday, August 25th (inside the 12 month allowable period for the re-hearing of this mega storage facility, and with too minor a difference from original proposal).

The development placement is ill-conceived and has much too high a profile in an area bounded by multiple neighborhoods, an important drive such as Victory, not to mention its impact on the developing Truman Greenway project linking Lake Mayer with Daffin Park.

This storage facility proposal is simply a BAD IDEA and would have negative impacts on many properties.

Thank you for your attention,

Julie Rogers Varland
(Savannah citizen)

From: [Robin Williams](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#)
Subject: Proposed Multi-level Storage facility on Limerick St.
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 4:50:03 PM

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am writing to express my opposition to the variance requested for the multi-level storage facility proposed to be erected on Limerick Street. It is scheduled to go before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals Aug 25th. As a long-term resident of Parkside, as well as an architectural and urban historian with a profound interest in the future of Savannah, I am greatly concerned about the impact this proposed development will have.

I believe that the building itself will constitute a substantial detriment to the public good and to the neighboring residential communities. Storage facilities are designed to be visible, attention-grabbing structures that are brightly lit to attract customers and deter criminal activity. This type of proposed development is not sympathetic to the surrounding neighborhood and will devalue residential property values in the area.

The developer must place this storage facility on a collector street or greater, and the present variance request must be denied. While the staff report focuses on the amount of traffic generated by this development, it fails to mention the type of traffic that frequents these facilities. We must recognize that a storage facility of this stature will generate constant truck and trailer traffic on neighborhood streets such as Kerry Street and Dixie Avenue. These streets are not able to handle the type or amount of traffic generated by this development and must be placed on a collector street or greater. Also, granting a variance for this development will set a precedent for other developments that may come to the area and seek permission to build on smaller, tertiary streets and further threaten the character of the area.

Furthermore, the ZBA already denied this exact variance request in March. That unanimous decision was part of the meeting record that was approved at the April meeting. It is my understanding that a property owner must wait at least 12 months before bringing an already-denied project back before the board. This project is substantially identical to the one brought before the board just five months ago. It's not fair nor is it in compliance with your own regulations to allow the developer "another bite of the apple" after he merely tweaked the application.

Sincerely,

Robin Williams, Ph.D.

From: [Steve Vickery](#)
To: [Jack Butler](#); thompson@thempc.org; scorbin@savannahga.gov
Subject: RE: Warehouse. Not a form letter.
Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:32:33 PM

Gentlemen:

I oppose the zoning variance proposed for the "mini-warehouse" behind Whole Foods.

The proposed structure **vastly over-scaled**. And—the developer's assertions to the contrary—it is **a banal, garish design**. Harsh 24-hour lighting will only exacerbate these defects. And the ongoing problem of **truck traffic** in the area should not be minimized.

The height and visibility of this building makes it especially inappropriate. Surrounding neighborhoods will be unhappily impacted. **Some unfortunate residents will find find that their backyards now abut a 56-foot wall.**

It's clear that *something* will be built on the lot. Despite our preconceptions, it is indeed possible to build a warehouse that is attractive. Good quality materials (brick!), a reasonable scale, and the elimination of the bright-red fake gables would help. **Most importantly, the services of a licensed architect with a modicum of talent could do wonders in softening the impact of this structure.** We don't need anymore off-the-rack buildings downloaded from the Internet.

Finally, this structure adds nothing to the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood—unless you believe that **a junk-building storing junk** is a highest and best use.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Steven Vickery
1401 Washington Avenue