

Summary of Public Hearing Testimony – Text Amendment TXT2015-00239

December 15, 2014

Speaker	Comment Summary
Robert Dalrymple, Linowes and Blocher	Self-storage is a passive use. There has been no demonstrated information that would dictate against the use. There has been emotional rhetoric but not supporting data to support the arguments. This proposal is a targeted use of the zoning power, which was recognized by the Planning Commission in their review. Businesses can't rely on the City to be fair if passed. (See Exhibit 11)
Craig Pittinger, Siena Corp.	The subject property was purchased in good faith, based on the Mayor and Council's approval of the new parking standard text amendment. This is a \$12 million project that will provide substantial revenues to the City. The use is consistent with both the zoning and the master plan recommendations. (See Exhibit 6)
Perry Berman	Self-storage is one of the lowest impact land uses. Refer to PowerPoint presentation and submitted materials. (See Exhibit 10)
Kashi Way	Cites traffic issues related to the safety of school children. Text amendment responds to the master plan vision for a city that maintains small town characteristics. Proposal is city-wide not just affecting a single project. City might want to consider a follow-up text amendment to address the impact of other uses. Need clarification on whether or not Montgomery College is included in the term "public school". (See Exhibit 9)
Peter Witzler	Supports the text amendment. Need to protect the safety of schools and neighborhoods; keep the small town values. This is a case of city values vs. development values. This is a great first step. The city may need to look at protecting similar uses such as day care facilities, community centers, and the like.
Noreen Bryant – WECA	WECOA has voted to support the text amendment. Continuing concern about encroachment on the borders of our neighborhoods. We need to balance industrial uses with other uses in the city. Consider adding a restriction on separation from residential uses as well as schools.
Patrick Schoof	Our schools are already overcrowded. The amendment will protect the schools' ability to expand. We need to protect the children. Self-storage facilities are deemed a homeland security risk. The Mayor and Council introduced this amendment in good faith. Supports the amendment.
Drew Powell	Submitted written testimony (Exhibit) Requests that Councilmember Moore recuse himself.