

MARCH 7th, 2023 – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SPEAKER SIGNUP, WRITTEN COMMENTS & POSITION STATEMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

SPEAKERS

1. Carl VanDril (Naperville) (Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force) - "3 Minutes with NEST"
2. Derek McDaniel (Naperville) – Public parking facilities
3. George Howard (Naperville) – Nichols Parking
4. Phillip Seeberg (Naperville) - The plan to close Edward Hospital Fitness Center
5. Lisa Shamrock (Naperville) – Closure of Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center
6. Loira McClure (Naperville) – Edward Elmhurst Fitness Center closure
7. Nora Gorman (Naperville) – Edward Elmhurst Fitness Center closure
8. Daniel Blumen (Naperville) – Edward Elmhurst Fitness Center closure
9. Pamela Gallagher (Naperville) – Petition re Edward Elmhurst Fitness closing
10. Paula Vollmer (Naperville) – Closing of Edward Fitness Center
11. Liz Beutel (Naperville) – Staff – The closing of the Edwards fitness center
12. Donald Baskin (Naperville) - Naperville Edward Elmhurst Fitness Center closing
13. Michelle Pelc (Naperville) – Opposition to closing Health Club
14. Nancy Ryan (Naperville) – Opposition to the closing of the EE Fitness Center

QUESTIONS ONLY

John O'Brien (Naperville) - Petitioner

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Steven Shamrock** (Naperville) Closing of Edward Health Fitness Center – On March 1, 2023, Edward-Elmhurst Hospitals announced the closure of the fitness center on Brom Drive in Naperville. The corporation has made no announcement that I am aware of the reason. There was no community input. My wife and I have been members for over 15 years. Many older adults maintain their health at this facility. It is right next to a senior living facility. For a company that espouses that it is "making investments in public health", for it to close this center that is part of the fabric of people's lives and relationships that serves to prevent illness that is costly, leaves me incredulous. The way I see it, this move signals that they want people to become ill or injured so they can boost profits. This is the opposite of what a health institution is supposed to do. Edward-Elmhurst counters criticism by noting that the Seven Bridges facility will remain

open. However, for those who use the pools, which is a significant number, the opportunity to use it will be limited. This is especially an issue for members who use the facility before or after work. Five or ten minutes longer to get to or from the facility before or after work can be the difference between exercising and not. Many elderly members use aquatics for cardio and therapy because it is their only choice. And their ability to get to and from the seven bridges facility will be complicated. Will Edward-Elmhurst at least consider providing transportation for these seniors? With so many people under stress of inflation, taking away a place to maintain their health and nurture relationships is antithetical to what a healthcare provider should do.

2. **Christine** (Naperville) Waves Swim Club - Closing Edward Fitness Facility - The closing of Edward fitness facility is not a closing of a redundant facility. While members can travel to seven bridges to use fitness equipment, and classes, members of the very successful Waves Swim Club will be greatly affected. The 7 Bridges pool does not have the access, or size to accommodate a swim club with such size and sophistication . There is an entire community of Naperville residents who are being ignored with this decision. Swimming is often a sport that people turn to when they are unable to participate in other sports. If Edward believes in fitness as a key component to health, it should think of the swim community that has blossomed as a result of rehabilitation needs. This is a catastrophic loss for people with hip, back, knee and other issues who seek a regular fitness regimen.
3. **Nancy E Ryan** (Naperville) – Opposition to closing EE Fitness Center – As a resident of Naperville for over 40 years with three generations of my family benefitting from this facility, I can tell you that it is a one-of-a-kind resource that is essential to the health and well-being of the surrounding community. There was no communication with members about this, just a hastily-placed sign posted on the facility front door and desk saying that the doors of the facility would be permanently shuttered by month's end. When I asked "what recourse do members have?" I was told "well, you could quit your membership or go to 7 Bridges". Neither is tenable. Asking all current members to either quit or commute to an adjacent town to an already-packed sister facility is cold, ill-conceived, and not possible for many. Beyond being poor optics and PR for the "healthy driven" EE Health organization, this move is harmful to the health and well being of the local community. If the powers that be could see the feeling of community at this branch and the way that senior citizens during pool classes in particular laugh and socialize and connect, they would surely realize the importance of this facility to the well-being of the surrounding community. The way this decision was executed was very cold-hearted and shameful.

4. **Beth Russell** (Plainfield) – Council meeting closure of Edward Fitness – I lost over 100 pounds working out at this facility. This is a community of people. Please don't destroy a community
5. **Mark Kozlowski** (Wheaton/Illinois) Good Day Councilmen Regarding the closure of the Edward Health and Fitness Center: For the Public - this closure results in a vacuum of public health. It leaves vacated hearts and unhealthy souls. For the Hospital - closing this facility may result in a savings in operating cost, but at the cost of community health, which from where I sit - should have prevailed (overwhelmingly) in the conversations leading to the decision to cut a healthy lifeline to wellness, mindfulness, mental, and physical health. If health and wellness are so incredibly important to keep the cost of healthcare affordable and valuable - why are they taking away the tools for success? This is similar to taking nails away from a carpenter. This is a healthcare travesty. The fact that I have to write this message, and that so many others are doing the same, should be an embarrassment for the healthcare system. This closure is a complete disregard for public health and is the antithesis of the lifestyle promoted by the healthcare industry. Naperville should be a model system for moving forward, not a failure model. Imagine the headlines associated with: "Northshore University Health System Closes a Pillar of Community Wellness in Naperville" or "Amid Fitness Center Closure - Costs for Healthcare and Personal Wellness are on the Rise." Personally - At 47, I have successfully maintained a healthy lifestyle with bipolar illness for almost 25 years. My wellness is largely a result of my travel from Wheaton to EHFC in the mornings to exercise with my colleagues, peers, and friends. The closure of the Edward Health and Fitness Center directly impacts me (and hundreds of others) by literally creating a void in my social, emotional, and mental health. Since 2012, the EHFC has provided many of the tools I have used for planning, decompressing, coping, healing, closure, resolution and a solid workout. Please don't take away this happy place. Mark S. Kozlowski
6. **Anne Casperson** (Naperville) - Closing of Edward Fitness Center, Naperville - Please stop the closing of the Naperville Edward Fitness center. It is a lifeline especially for seniors, a community that promotes good health and fitness. It is close to home and has been a staple of this area for years. The staff is kind and knowledgeable, and it encourages us to move at a time we are likely to give up. It is my lifeline, and I cannot imagine not having it any longer. After covid, where we all didn't move, it is imperative to have a place that gets us back on our feet and gives us hope! If you walk through midday, you will see the hope all around you! Please do not let it close!
7. **John Chamberlain** (Naperville) - The closure of the Edward Hospital Fitness Center will be a tremendous loss the City of Naperville community. Fitness activities are an essential part of preventative medicine, designed to keep people out of the hospital.

Fitness creates energy and confidence and reduces stress and strengthens health. The Fitness Center provides residents with a convenient, safe and fun place to engage in fitness activities. And not only does the Fitness Center serve as a place for residents of the City of Naperville to engage in healthy exercise and rehabilitative activities, but it provides a great spirit of community within Naperville where members of the community socialize and come together. I have met many of my very own neighbors through our memberships at this facility. In a day and age where our primary social activity with our neighbors is to wave at them before we pull into our garage and close the door, this facility provides much needed socialization. Many of the members at the Fitness Center are elderly residents of the community who rely on the Fitness Center, and many members have been coming to the Fitness Center for decades. The other fitness facility operated by the hospital is located in Woodridge, a 20-minute drive from downtown Naperville, and will not be a viable alternative for many members. The Woodridge facility is also smaller and I doubt it could accommodate all the members from both facilities. There is no substitute in the Naperville area for the pool and water rehabilitation facilities which are in the Fitness Center, and no other fitness facility has such a central location in the heart of Naperville close to business district and the train station. In addition, I understand that most of the wonderful staff at this facility, many of whom have worked there for many years, are being let go. For a hospital whose slogan is "Healthy Driven" it is indeed puzzling why it would choose to close a facility so important to the preventive health of the community in favor of more profit centered activities.

8. **Jeff Eastman** (Naperville) member of the Naperville Waves swim club – Closure of the Edwards Health and Fitness Center – I would like to point out to the Council that, while the city of Naperville provides a wealth of wonderful fitness-related facilities to the community, it currently provides no aquatic facilities. Swimming and other aquatics activities provide low impact exercise that residents of all ages can benefit from. The closure of the Edwards facility and other health clubs in the area diminishes even further the facilities that are available to residents. This is an opportunity for the Council to develop new plans for providing needed aquatic facilities to the communities. Thanks for your consideration!
9. **Drew Lecher** (Naperville) Members of EHFC and myself - EHFC Closing - My wife and I have been members for almost 20 years. EHFC has been a God-send for our health. The use of all the training equipment and the lap pool are amazing to have. We all felt the blow when things closed down due to the Covid effect. It was difficult to return, but we did and haven't stopped since. Now someone has made a huge mistake, by deciding to close EHFC! Brilliant! So the hospital is not interested in providing facilities for us to maintain and even improve our health. This goes against the ethos of American culture and the support of the individual to improve their lives and that of others. It always seems to boil down to \$\$\$\$\$\$. If this closure goes through, I recommend that all of us take our medical needs elsewhere. Chicago area is full of world class health care facilities — all within a short drive. Hm — about 2,500 "patients" could easily effect the balance sheet... Drew Lecher Resident since 1982

- 10. Verónica** (Naperville) Naperville waves - Edward fitness center sudden closure - My name is Veronica Perez I am writhing to oppose the sudden closure of the edwards fitness center. I been a member of the fitness center for the past 14 yrs, with son who has Autism and he is already very limited of what he can do or places he can attend due to his Autism. We attended the facility 4 to 5 times a week, my son enjoy playing basketball, swimming, edwards employees are like our second family, my son feel comfortable around them, swimming is been making miracles for my son like boosting his self steam , reducing negative behaviors like reducing his anxiety, he is always a better person after he is done swimming. I really don't think is a good idea the closure of the facility, like my son there are many other special needs members that feel very comfortable at this facility, moving them to another place will be a big deal, in my case it will take years for my son till he will feel comfortable in a new place due to his Autism. Many elderly people gather there every day and relay of this facility to exercise and socialize, please take a moment en consider this sudden decision. Naperville is already lacking of a public indoor pool to serve the needs of this great community.
- 11. Don Secor** (Naperville) - I am writing on behalf of the Naperville Waves Swim Club and members of Edward-Elmhurst Health Fitness (EEHF) in regards to EEHF closing down their Naperville facility on March 31. This decision not only affects the many members of EEHF but it heavily impacts the Naperville Waves Swim club and EEHF members who utilize the pool there. The pool at 7 Bridges is too small to accommodate a 200 member masters swim team and its other members who utilize it for exercise. The facility itself will not be able to handle the increased attendance, the pool stands no chance. Naperville has a wealth of fitness related facilities, but they do not provide any swim related facilities. This is a town with 2 very big age group swim teams, a 200 member masters swim team (and that number would be much larger if we had more pool time available) plus countless triathletes. Naperville, has running paths, bike paths, parks, gyms, courts, you name it except for a proper swim facility. This is beyond embarrassing for a city of our size and the amount of taxes we pay to live here. Naperville has had ample opportunities in the past to build a natatorium but every time refuses to do so. As recent as a few years ago Naperville sent out a survey about what to do with the land at 95th and Wolf's Crossing. The overwhelming response from your constituents was to build a swim facility. And once again we were ignored. Now EEHF is going to close down the Naperville facility which will effectively decimate the Naperville Waves swim team and leave countless others without a pool to swim. I realize there is probably not much The City Council can do to prevent this from happening but we implore you to take a close look at this and see what can be done to salvage this situation. Whether that is by working with EEHF to remain open or maybe by realizing that this city needs a proper swim facility. EEHF is closing due to money reasons, but their parent company, Northshore University Health System has a \$\$1.3 billion surplus in 2021. Whatever maintenance needs to be done to keep EEHF open, Northshore has the means to do so. Northshore closing EEHF to build a patient care facility sends the message that they would rather people become ill or injured so that it can boost profits rather than encouraging people to stay healthy. Exercising at EEHF helps it members to maintain their physical, social, mental and emotional well-being. Closing a fitness center is

antithetical to what the mission of a healthcare provider should be. Thank you for taking the time to consider helping out countless members of your community. Don

12. Anthony Trunnell (Naperville) - EHFC Member and local business owner - Trunnell Insurance Services LLC - I wanted to speak publicly tonight, but it's my wife's 45th birthday and cancelling our dinner plans wasn't going to go over well. lol There's no reason everyone can't be happy in this situation. There is plenty of land. Edwards could easily incorporate a fitness club into the first floor of a brand new building on the same site and build another parking dec on the south lot. I question why this wasn't explored before the sudden announcement to close. This is one of the downsides of Edward's recent mergers: The people making decisions at the top are not connected to the community so pure profit becomes their singular motivation. I get the feeling the same executives who made this decision without any community input will show up with hat in hand and ask the city council for all kinds of favors regarding zoning and ordinance exceptions. I'm asking the City Council to vote down any new proposed structure by Edwards Elmhurst that doesn't incorporate a new health facility for the community AND its employees. Thank you for your time and consideration

13. Guido Gavars (Naperville) – Naperville Waves Swim Club “Healthy Driven” is the motto or tagline for the Edward Health System. Unfortunately, their recent decision to close the fitness center on Brom Drive appears to contradict this motto. While I understand and respect that a private business (i.e. Edward Hospital) has a right to operate as they wish, Edward also operates as a Non-Profit (EDWARD-ELMHURST HEALTHCARE EIN: 36-3513954) and claims to support numerous community support functions. Per their website, the mission of Edward-Elmhurst is: “advancing the health of our communities by providing financial and management assistance to its exempt affiliates”, including Edward Health and Fitness. As a member of Edward Health and Fitness, I repeatedly am reminded of all the positive effects of exercise and wellness the center provides on a daily basis. And while many facilities can offer land-based options, few offer pool or water-based activities. Edward Health on Brom has a unique group of lap, therapy, and whirlpools providing conditioning, rehab, therapy and water safety/education opportunities and programs. On any day there may be swim teams and triathletes working out, swim lessons for adults, pre-natal/neo-natal conditioning, low-impact conditioning, or classes for those afflicted with numerous medical conditions limiting land-based exercise. Removing this asset harms Naperville at large and is contrary to its mission. And while I realize the COVID has impacted many businesses adversely, this closure along with closure of the Kroehler YMCA removes valuable services from the downtown area. Edward’s “announcement” of closure was/is a sign on the door that states they are closing in 30 days. That’s it, nothing else. No community discussions, outreach, etc. This left both the membership and those employed at Edward shocked, dismayed and saddened at the way they were treated. Frankly, this is reminiscent of Mayor Daley’s overnight bulldozing of Meigs Field to build Northerly Island: heavy-handed and short-sighted. Respectfully, I implore the City Council to help communicate to Edward the disservice to our community and my opposition to the closing of the Brom facility. Regards, Guido Gavars

- 14. Lauren Bezdek** (Naperville) - I am writing to express my hope that the City can work with Edward-Elmhurst Health and Fitness Center and their parent company to work through a mutually beneficial solution that does not involve closure of the fitness center. Many people I know would be negatively affected by this closure; people with special needs as well as senior citizens and a swim team who relies on this center. Closing the facility would be a true loss to our community and would have a negative impact on our community's wellness
- 15. Marilyn L Schweitzer** (Naperville) - I think most people would agree that we live in a time of heightened divisiveness. One way to reverse course is by choosing our words carefully so as smooth rather than inflame a sensitive or potential volatile situation. Thus, I was very disappointed that the announcement to close the Edward-Elmhurst Health & Fitness on Brom Drive included the phrase "We realize that change is never easy, but...". I've heard this phrase too numerous times to count on issues going before the PZC and City Council. Change is often easy and desirable. Change happens for good or for worse. People's viewpoints regarding change should not be dismissed callously. In the case of closing the fitness center, for example, driving to a facility 6 miles away and only giving 1 month's notice are legitimate concerns. A well respected community partner such as Edward's could have and should have been more sensitive and instead make an attempt to win over detractors by acknowledging that there may be downsides to the change and asking for suggestions that would make the transition easier. I'm not trying alter Edward's decision to close the fitness center. But, I wish all entities would take more time forming announcements and appeals. Words indeed do matter.
- 16. Anonymous** (Naperville) - Dear City Council, I am a Naperville resident of over 30 years, and I submit the following comments regarding the closure of the Naperville Edward-Elmhurst Health and Fitness Center. I am submitting my comments anonymously due to part-time employment of a member of my household by an Edward entity, and I wish to avoid possible retaliation. While I don't know if Naperville can influence the closure of the fitness center, this decision and the conduct of Northshore/Edward-Elmhurst as not-for-profit corporations in Naperville concerns me greatly, and I would ask City Council to scrutinize the actions and motivations of NS/Edward-Elmhurst going forward as it relates to their operations and impact on our city. The question comes to mind as to whether Edward continues to fulfill the requirements of a not-for-profit, and should their conduct be reflected in how our city deals with this organization? Does Edward continue to meet its obligations to our community as a not-for-profit? Edward isn't the same community hospital/health care system of the past. The hospital suggests that patient care needs trump the function of the fitness center at the hospital campus; that is pretext for economic motives. My household is like thousands in Naperville-we have turned to Edward and its excellent medical providers for most of our medical needs from primary care, childbirth, serious illnesses, surgery, and emergency care. That is what you expect from a not-for-profit community-based hospital and health care system, and I am grateful to have lived minutes from 801 S. Washington St. Not so

anymore-I now have to make finances a factor before seeking care from Edward and its affiliated entities. Can I practically use my trusted and skilled Edward-affiliated doctors? Sadly, despite excellent health insurance and in-network coverage, Edward business practices force me to fully vet, to the extent possible, finances up front, and regrettably, my household increasingly goes elsewhere for care. Once you receive care, and it comes to billing, Edward stops acting like a not-for-profit. That is fine-but it should not expect to continue to enjoy the benefits and status of a not-for-profit when it comes to treatment and taxation by the City of Naperville. Current Edward leadership forgets that its medically-based fitness center was a product of Edward innovation-and to this day, the Naperville fitness center is an integral part of Edward's delivery of health care to its community of customers. The Naperville club's location, on the hospital campus and in our city, is key to its credibility and effectiveness in achieving health in our community and for thousands of Naperville residents and Naperville-based Edward employees. With rare exception, anyone at the Naperville center can tell you how it impacted their health-be it prevention, treatment, or recovery. Every single member of my household has recovered from a surgery at this fitness center, and yes, even one of us was CURED of disease in large part by working out at Naperville. It just doesn't make as much money as other health care streams. City Council, if there is anything our city can do to prevent the loss of this resource, please act. Thank you.

17. **Cindy Sheridan** (Naperville) – Unexpected Closing of EE Fitness Center – The Edward-Elmhurst Fitness Center is a pillar in Naperville where residents, especially senior citizens and special needs populations, find comfort, community, and support. The unexpected announcement of the facility's closing has brought much stress, grief, and frustration. Naperville citizens should NOT have to travel to Woodridge (the Seven Bridges Fitness Center location) in order to exercise their body and mind. That does not make sense. Therefore, we should explore avenues to keep the current fitness center in Naperville open. Thank you.

Closing of Edward Health facility, main campus

SUPPORT

1. **Nicolette Solano** (Naperville) - Edward Elmhurst Health & Fitness
2. **Nick Morreale** (Naperville) - Edward Elmhurst Health & Fitness
3. **Cindy Solano** (Naperville) - Edward Elmhurst Health & Fitness
4. **Dana Rozsypalkova** (Naperville)

OPPOSE

1. **Jeff Berta** (Naperville) – Naperville Waves

I18 – PASS ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE TO DESIGN POINTE PUD FOR 1336 N RT 59

QUESTIONS ONLY

1. Param Vijay (Naperville) – Petitioner

J1 – Resolution Endorsing Naperville Affordable Housing Plan

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)** - The lackadaisical effort to prioritize affordable housing in Naperville and this plan is not what I would have wished for my community. While the plan may be "intended to confirm Naperville's commitment to increasing affordable housing", it is an extremely weak committal as it has been for the last twenty years or more. Nothing in the plan that I can tell will create well distributed affordable housing nor different types to meet a variety of needs. Even beyond having a plan to improve the % of affordable housing in Naperville, Naperville should have begun monitoring and transparently reporting on its affordable housing stock. This includes setting a goal, what areas in the city affordable housing is lacking, where progress is being made, and metrics as to various types of affordable housing. For example both the states calculation and the city's preferred calculation and senior versus non-senior affordable housing. Again, I refer you to the Charleston, SC affordable housing dashboard:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/357b5d4150db47f486de4914476cc079>

The city has squandered many opportunities instead of wholeheartedly embracing the problem. I hope the city and council will have a change in heart

L3-12 Naperville Polo Club Annexation

PRESENTER

1. Russell Whitaker (Naperville) - Petitioner

SPEAKERS

1. Jeff Maxick (Naperville) Plan for Us
2. Michael Krzywinski (Naperville)
3. Jeremy Embalabala (Naperville)
4. Brent Biernbaum (Naperville)

5. Adam Connors (Naperville)
6. Michele Marko (Naperville) South Pointe Homeowners Association
7. James Urso (Naperville) - Planforus Southpointe
8. Syeda Hasan (Naperville)
9. Karen Spangler (Naperville) - Pulte Polo Hawkweed Annexation
10. Daniel Shafron (Naperville) - Polo Pulte Hawkweed (annexation)

POSITION STATEMENT

OPPOSE

1. Kim Loyza (Naperville)
2. Andrew (Naperville)
3. Jamie Thornton (Naperville)
4. Mark Landrosh (Naperville) – South Point
5. Susan Landrosh (Naperville) – South Point
6. Lindsay DeLuca (Naperville)
7. Deanna Todd (Naperville) - South Pointe neighborhood
8. Adam Todd (Naperville) - South Pointe neighborhood
9. Amber Hornbeck (Naperville) - South Pointe Subdivision
10. Andrew Hornbeck (Naperville) - South Pointe Subdivision
11. Ray Nasrallah (Naperville) – South Pointe
12. Satma Ala (Naperville)

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Kim Loyza** - Greetings City of Naperville Leaders,
I would like to add to the below concerns of my fellow residents on the connection of the Pulte Polo Development through Hawkweed Drive. This is an unnecessary endangerment to our children who have lived here for years. Progress should be improvement, not regression. I urge you to consider the residents of South Pointe when making decisions that affect our lives. I also have concerns about the impact to the environment given the Nature Preserve - we often see animals in the field that will now be displaced. And I further have major concerns that this new development will force water into our easement that already builds up to several feet due to the polo field. But should a development be inevitable, which unfortunately it seems the sale of this land

is, please push to do so responsibly and at the very least make a permanent end to the question of connectivity through Hawkweed Dr.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Kim Loyza

South Pointe and High Meadow neighborhoods in South Naperville embody thousands of young adult residents with a significant Child population. South Pointe and High Meadow Families want to maintain our Children's safe surroundings! It is our concern that if the City of Naperville decides to approve the Pulte Development proposal, that South Pointe and High Meadow will in fact become a high-volume relief valve for lack of infrastructure today at Rt. 59 and 119th St. With no proper arterial roads available to the proposed Pulte development, South Pointe and High Meadow's interior roads and their main entry/exit roads (which today are next to the very busy and thriving Graham Elementary school) will no longer be a safe place for kids to play and bike. South Pointe Pool at Champion Rd. and the South Pointe Park will be steps from a new influx of dangerous cut-through traffic coming to/from Hawkweed. We respectfully request that prior to any annex consideration by our City Council that Hawkweed Drive be vacated at Polo and an EV accessible Cul-de-sac constructed. Temporary Only Closure is not a sustainable option for our Kids. We urge the City to thoughtfully review what seemingly small adjustments in road access could do to entire neighborhoods as traffic will always adjust to take the path of least resistance. In the case of the proposed Pulte development, potential future residents and transient 119th travelers will quickly realize the easiest way in and out is to avoid gridlock at Rt. 59 and 119th and instead cut through High Meadow, to South Pointe, to their Pulte home.

2. **Stephanie Biernbaum** - Greetings City of Naperville Leaders,

As a resident of the South Pointe subdivision, I would like to once again implore you to vacate Hawkweed Drive should you proceed with the Polo Club development. The proposal to gate Hawkweed for 5 years or until 119th is properly addressed (whichever comes first) is unacceptable. All involved parties (the developer, city council, residents) agree that 119th traffic flow needs to be resolved. It is a foreseeable outcome that transient traffic will naturally take advantage of a new northbound route between 119th and 111th through the subdivisions. The only way to stop this is to either vacate Hawkweed or address the traffic issue on 119th. The 5 year wait proposal is arbitrary, disingenuous, and illogical. It is very simple, Hawkweed should be opened once and only once 119th is addressed. Opening Hawkweed should not be based on an arbitrary timeline but rather on the criteria of actually resolving the problem. Please consider the safety of our children and do the right thing. Stephanie Biernbaum

3. **Michael Krzywinski** - Hello, I live in South Pointe near the Hawkweed connection. I support this connection and opening it right away without a gate. I have 2 small kids and do not think there are traffic concerns. This connection will give direct access to the Polo Club park, fields, and trails without having to drive through 2 traffic signals and making left turns(which is unsafe). It will also give access to 119th street for our subdivision, which is a benefit to South Pointe. I think that the best option for the residents and the future was to make the connection, just like other subdivisions. This is just like in the 200s when our South Pointe Subdivision connected to High Meadow and it works well

now. Why I do not believe cut thru traffic would be an issue is that the majority of the traffic backup at 119th and Route 59 is due to vehicles wanting to travel west to Plainfield. For them to avoid the backup, they would have to turn right, drive through Polo Club & South Pointe streets, wait to turn left at Champion Rd signal, then wait to turn right at the Route 59 signal, which is very unlikely.

4. **Diane Schwarz** - Greetings City of Naperville Leaders, Re: VACATE HAWKWEED DRIVE IN PROPOSED PULTE DEVELOPMENT South Pointe and High Meadow neighborhoods in South Naperville embody thousands of young adult residents with asinificant Child population. South Pointe and High Meadow Families want to maintain our Children's safe surroundings! It is our concern that if the City of Naperville decides to approve the Pulte Development proposal, that South Pointe and High Meadow will in fact become a high-volume relief valve for lack of infrastructure today at Rt. 59 and 119th St. With no proper arterial roads available to the proposed Pulte development, South Pointe and High Meadow's interior roads and their main entry/exit roads (which today are next to the very busy and thriving Graham Elementary school) will no longer be a safe place for kids to play and bike. South Pointe Pool at Champion Rd. and the South Pointe Park will be steps from a new influx of dangerous cut-through traffic coming to/from Hawkweed. We respectfully request that prior to any annex consideration by our City Council that Hawkweed Drive be vacated at Polo and an EV accessible Cul-de-sac constructed. Temporary Only Closure is not a sustainable option for our Kids. We urge the City to thoughtfully review what seemingly small adjustments in road access could do to entire neighborhoods as traffic will always adjust to take the path of least resistance. In the case of the proposed Pulte development, potential future residents and transient 119th travelers will quickly realize the easiest way in and out is to avoid gridlock at Rt. 59 and 119th and instead cut through High Meadow, to South Pointe, to their Pulte home. Sincerely, Diana Schwarz

O1 Eliminate Quarterly Permit Program

SPEAKERS

1. Michael Hackett (Naperville)

POSITION STATEMENT

SUPPORT

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Paul Biles** (Naperville) - City of Naperville City Council, Mayor, City Manager, Director of TED, Project Manager, et al., As you consider a shift from freezing the downtown Naperville Station permit waitlist to ending or terminating the quarterly permit program

altogether, I respectfully request that you consider refunding deposits made by those not yet called for a permit. For example, I personally have two (2) deposits (both Kroehler and Burlington/Parkview) that due to the waitlist and then due to the suspension of the program, I have been unable to realize either as a permit for the Downtown Naperville Metra Station. Administrative or not, these deposits were made in good faith that permits would be issued when available. As the City shifts gears and repurposes the lots, I feel that residents are due a refund for the service that you will be unable to fulfill. If a cash or check refund is not possible, please consider a pre-paid card that could be used at the station daily fee machines, which could help commuters and residents offset future Metra train station parking since we've been bearing \$2.00 or \$5.00 daily expenses in the meantime. As we continue to weather the pandemic and post-pandemic reduction, suspension, and termination of services (such as the Guaranteed Ride Home Program and Pace weekday rush hour service, to name a couple of examples), I feel the City has collected quite a bit of funds that I believe should be refunded or returned to commuters/residents as a result of the City's staff's recommendation for termination. Sincerely, Paul A. Biles

2. **Elise Crawley** (Naperville) - OPPOSITION As a Naperville resident who uses the route 59 parking lot five days a week to commute downtown and pays for permit parking, I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate the permit parking at route 59 and change all spots to daily fee parking. I have several concerns about the ways this proposal would make my daily commute substantially worse and disincentivize my use of the commuter lot. As a prefatory matter, I want to be clear that my comments can only encompass the proposal as it applies to the Route 59 lot. I understand that different issues (specifically, a waitlist) exist in regard to the Naperville Fifth Avenue Station parking lot. I do not pretend that I have experience with that parking lot or ideas about how to solve those problems. However, I object to the idea that a change to solve issues at the Naperville Station Lot be imposed on the Route 59 stations lot just because both lots are in Naperville. There is no reason why the lots can't be treated differently given their differing locations and usage patterns. With that said, it is unclear to me what problem exists at the Route 59 station that is "solved" by making all spot into daily fee parking. The proposal indicates that daily fee parking is more "fair" because it is available on a first come, first served basis. It further indicates that permit parking spaces are being underutilized because not all permitted spaces are being used. Finally, the proposal describes daily fee parking as an advantage for commuters, because it is more "flexible" and commuters only pay for parking on the days they need. Changing all spots to daily fee parking is inherently unfair. Allocating spots on a first come, first served basis always advantages the same people whose work schedules start earlier in the day. It is the same as saying we're always going to pass out leftover cupcakes in alphabetical order. Those with names starting with "A" are always going to be advantaged compared to those whose names start with "Z." The first come, first served model with parking is also

problematic given that those who arrive later in the morning are also more likely to come back from the city later at night. Given that people are almost certain to elect to take the spots nearer the platform first, this means commuters with later schedules are always going to be stuck walking farther distances back out to their cars in the dark. Permit parking being underutilized is not inherently problematic, unless there are not enough daily fee spots to meet the need of those who want them. That is not the case. The proposal acknowledges that only 50% of the daily fee parking spaces are being used. There is no lack of parking at the Route 59 station lot. I acknowledge that the permitted parking spots are better situated than the daily fee spots. If the proposal was to shrink the size of the permitted parking area, I would have no objections to that proposal. I just don't understand why the permitted parking system needs to be entirely abolished to accomplish this goal. Espousing "flexibility" for consumers is just hiding that this proposal would significantly increase the parking cost for commuters who consistently use the Route 59 station lot. If we use the current month (March 2023) as an example, there are 23 weekdays this month. The daily fee parking cost is \$\$2 (more if you don't keep an extensive reserve of cash and pay by credit card). Therefore, the monthly parking cost for daily fee parking would be \$\$46. Under the current permit system, the cost averages \$\$30 per month. I am not against paying more money for my permit parking. Being able to park my car in a spot near the platform and walk right on the train without having to deal with queuing at a machine to try and remember which parking space number is mine today and then trying to jab all the correct buttons when the temperature is hovering around zero degrees and then fumbling for my credit card while the train is approaching the station is worth a significant sum to me. I would happily pay an average of \$\$50 per month to retain the advantages of my permit parking. The proposal as it exists imposes significant increased time, money, and convenience costs on those who utilize the parking lot the most and provides only a modest benefit (access to some of the closer spots) to those who use it less frequently for daily fee parking. Finally, this proposal is unclear about what changes would be made to the Route 59 lot to make this practicable. There are only 5 machines that process daily fee parking. Are they going to add additional machines or just require everyone to wait in a line for one everyday? The proposal references an offset of the cost of the signage changes this proposal would require by the savings in not having to mark the spot numbers on the pavement. At Route 59, none of the space numbers are marked on the pavement. All of them the spot numbers are on signs suspended above the spaces. Therefore, there is no savings to be had on the incremental cost of marking the pavement. Unless this proposal means to be changing how people pay for spots (the Aurora lot, for example, has people put in their license plate number), but that would presumably require new machines or updates of the current machines, which are not

programed that way. A more cohesive proposal should be required to effectuate such a significant change. I understand and have personally seen that use of the Route 59 train station parking lot has significantly decreased with the pandemic. Only in the last few months has any part of the lot started to look even a little bit full. For that reason, I think this proposal is, at minimum, premature. People who have just started returning to commuting downtown are not necessarily going to immediately elect permit parking but may move to that over time as they see the advantages. Moreover, I would encourage that the council reject this proposal, or, at minimum, revisit this proposal next year after the COVID 19 emergency officially ends in May 2023.