

Kopinski, Sara

From: Anthony Graffeo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Planning; Kopinski, Sara
Subject: Fwd: Islamic Center on 248th
Attachments: Islamic Center opposition 02-10-2021.docx

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From: GRAFFEO-A BARTIK-R [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 12:59 PM
Subject: Opposition to Islamic Center on 248th
To: [a](#) [REDACTED]

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Please see attached

from Roberta M. BARTIK and Anthony F. GRAFFEO

Opposition to Islamic Center

February 10, 2021

My name is Roberta Bartik. I am a senior citizen, 70 years old, who lives in a single-family dwelling with my husband Anthony Graffeo, in Carillon Club which is a 55 plus active adult community. This community is located at the intersection of 248th Avenue and 95th Street, approximately three blocks from the proposed Islamic Center. I moved here with my husband in 2019 after spending our life living in Chicago with its wonderful diversity, cultural and entertainment activities, and YES, significant traffic congestion and traffic safety issues. We invested our life savings in our new home. My husband and I were thrilled with our new community, especially the peace and quiet in our neighborhood, the ease of access to our community and the fact that this neighborhood is an entirely residential neighborhood with no stores, no restaurants, no churches, and no entertainment venues in the immediate neighborhood. Yet all these venues which serve our needs are nearby on busy streets with easy access and no traffic issues to hinder our access to our community and our neighbors. Our new home was perfect.

When we learned of the planned Islamic Center we became very concerned about the issues surrounding traffic congestion, citizen safety and quality of life issues.

248th Avenue is the only street that the Islamic Center will be able to use for entry and exit purposes. At the present time this is a two lane street, one lane in each direction. After attending a zoom meeting about a proposed expansion of 248th Avenue, I learned that no additional lighting is planned and the area at Trumpet and 248th and on 348th Avenue between 103rd and 95th street would not be entirely widened. There is not sufficient space on 248th Avenue to widen the street enough to have two lanes in either direction and a parkway in the center for safety. With the size and scope of the planned Islamic Center there will be a significant increase in traffic congestion on this residential street. The congestion caused by this planned Islamic Center in a residential neighborhood would be extreme. This is especially true when considering the added traffic from the recently built Wolf's Crossing Park which attracts families and children from the community and poses safety issues for children and families. It does not appear that the site can accommodate the planned mosque, parking, school and future expansion, and manage the traffic demands

on this small road even when widened.

There are two 55 plus active adult communities within a few blocks of the proposed Islamic Center, Carillon Club with over 750 units and Ashwood Crossing with over 100 units. Ashwood Crossing is located directly across 248th Avenue from the proposed Islamic Center and Carillon Club's main entrance is located at the end of 248th Avenue at 95th Street, three blocks from the proposed Islamic Center. 248th Avenue is a main route for vehicular traffic for these two-senior citizen communities. Safety on 248th Avenue is a serious issue for seniors adjusting to the new challenges of the aging process when driving on this street NOW, without the added traffic of the proposed Islamic Center. The fact that this center is intended to be the largest in the Midwest, or one of the largest in the Midwest, it will attract larger crowds than a traditional house of worship which services mainly the community where it is located.

As we age, we notice that we require more visits to doctors and more visits to Hospital Emergency Rooms. We frequently see ambulances in our community to serve the medical needs of the residents. The closest 24/7 full-service emergency room is Edward Hospital just east of 248th Avenue and 127th Street in Plainfield. The fastest, shortest, most

and safest way to get there is to go straight out the Carillon club main entrance onto 248th Avenue until it ends at 127th street, make a left turn and you are there. I personally have been there for emergencies at least four times since moving here in mid-2019. The shortest route to the Edward Hospital Emergency Facility in Plainfield results in six stoplights and two turns. The only other route to get there is to take 95th street, turn onto route 59 to 127th and turn right for the Emergency Facility after another stoplight. This route requires thirteen stoplights and four turns. With the traffic congestion caused by the proposed Islamic Center in a residential neighborhood, this short safe direct route to emergency room services is severely compromised. Other residents of Carillon Club have also utilized 248th Avenue to go to this emergency room. Again, this residential street cannot handle the extra traffic without severely negatively impacting the safety and quality of life of the senior citizen residents who already live there.

This Edward Hospital Plainfield location at 24600 west 127th street, besides having a 24/7 full-service emergency facility also has an outpatient surgery center, doctor's offices and a Cancer Center which is temporarily closed due to Covid 19. The fastest, most direct, shortest way to get there is using 248th Avenue from the two-active adult communities with approximately 1500 residents.

The Islamic Center is planning on building a Mosque, school, multi-purpose hall, gymnasium and subsequent expansion of the Mosque over the next thirty years. Since there are no entry or exit points for the Islamic Center except 248th Avenue, construction vehicles and equipment will be using this street for entry and exit, thereby causing additional delays and congestion. This is another burden to the two senior citizen communities that utilize this street.

As noted previously this is an entirely residential neighborhood. Many older churches and synagogues in Chicago and the suburbs were built in residential neighborhoods when most worshipers attended services on foot. These houses of worship were built in the neighborhoods to serve the needs of the community living in that neighborhood. Traffic congestion and parking were not as much of an issue at that time. That is not true today. Because most people own and use cars, more recently built churches are in locations which can easily accommodate the traffic needs of the neighborhood and the parking needs of the congregation without negatively impacting the community's traffic safety and congestion.

I do not believe that the Islamic Center has met with the residents of the neighborhood surrounding the proposed Islamic Center. I do not

see any solutions offered to the issues of traffic safety and congestion on this entirely residential street which is a main thoroughfare for two senior citizen active adult communities and the residents who utilize the newly built Wolf Crossing Park. I also do not believe that the Islamic Center will serve the needs of the neighborhood in which it is

located, but rather, it will serve the worshippers who travel there by vehicle. This last concern would not be a concern if the Islamic Center is built on a street that could accommodate its traffic and safety needs and the neighborhood's traffic and safety needs, even if the congregation lived outside of the immediate neighborhood. Because of the congestion, the proposed Islamic would not serve the needs of the neighborhood, but would burden the neighborhood with traffic congestion and traffic safety concerns.

I thought for a long time about bringing up this next issue, however, I feel it is important to present all aspects of the situation. It is my belief, after speaking to other residents of my community, that many residents are afraid to express their concerns about this in fear that they will be sued, such as what happened in West Chicago with its Islamic Center. We are all senior citizens who have chosen this location to quietly and peacefully live out the rest of our years. Most of us are

on fixed incomes. We are very aware that the Islamic Center has hired an attorney. We cannot afford to hire an attorney and therefore we are afraid to express our legitimate concerns in fear that our objections will be characterized as discriminating against a religion. In reading some of the emails in favor of the Islamic Center, some people actually brought up the U.S. Constitution regarding Freedom of Religion. Others, brought up their displeasure about feeling uncomfortable wearing a hijab, even though that has nothing to do with the choice of site of Islamic Center. Underlying each of these types of emails is the representation of discrimination and possible legal action if denied. I personally resent this type of characterization, especially when legitimate traffic safety, traffic congestion, and quality of life issues are raised by the community who actually live here.

I will give you a little background about myself. I have a Chinese daughter who I adopted. I sent her to a Korean school in my Chicago neighborhood so she could attend school with children who were Asian. I brought her to “China Town” in Chicago to immerse her in own culture every weekend. We went to China three times so she could understand her culture. My granddaughter is half Palestinian and practices Islam. She attended pre-school in Bridgeview at a Mosque attended by her paternal grandparents. She actively practices the

Islamic faith. My husband and I and her paternal grandparents are friendly and respectful of each other's differing religions. These grandparents have successfully raised ten children with many, both girls and boys, becoming doctors, lawyers, and successful business people.

I can appreciate the fact that this land has already been purchased. However, during the time period that the Islamic Center owned the land and did not build on it, the surrounding area was built up entirely with residences. The only vacant parcel in the area is the one owned by the Islamic Center. In looking at the width of 248th Avenue and the increase in residential development, I am sure even some members of the Islamic Center might be concerned about the ability of this area to handle the congestion. I remember picking up my granddaughter from the Islamic Center in Bridgeview Illinois and recalling the large parking area, the easy access to main business streets, and the surrounding industrial area.

Very few of the emails in support of the Islamic Center are from people actually living in the area which is most affected by the Islamic Center. Most of the people who oppose this site are people who live here and who will be negatively impacted by traffic safety, traffic congestion and

quality of life issues. It appears that the Islamic Center will not service the needs of the community that actually lives there. In fact, the Islamic Center, as proposed, will have a negative impact on the community.

I believe that the objections of the neighborhood residents will not prevail because the land was already purchased and because of Naperville's fear of being accused of religious discrimination even though that is not the truth. There is no solution to the traffic congestion concerns, traffic safety concerns and quality of life concerns. I would like to propose that the Islamic Center sell this property, and purchase a more appropriate property with the assistance of Naperville so that the needs of the neighborhood and the Islamic Center are both served. I would also propose that the Naperville City Council pass a new zoning law prohibiting any houses of worship in residential neighborhoods where congestion, traffic safety and quality of life issues would negatively impact the neighborhood.

Roberta M. Bartik

Anthony F. Graffeo

Kopinski, Sara

From: Kos D <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2021 7:43 PM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: Concern with Islamic Center Plans

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Hi Sara,

I am a resident of Tall Grass and my home is located at [REDACTED] which backs up to 248th Ave. I am emailing to pass along my concerns to the city around ICNs plans to place such a large development in our residential neighborhood. The traffic and noise situation is already bad, and we expect that the addition of a development of this size so close to our homes will be the last straw before we simply sell our home and move to another area, potentially out of Naperville. As such, my family is strongly opposed to the development and hopes that our concerns will be voiced to the zoning commission.

Best regards,
Kostas and Renee Dovas

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:16 PM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Letter Regarding Favor of ICN Mosque

From: Saleh Naim [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Letter Regarding Favor of ICN Mosque

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Dear Naperville Planning Commission and the Naperville City Council,
I write in strong favor of Islamic Center of Naperville's proposed application for a new mosque.

I am deeply appalled by some of the opposition's reasonings towards this wonderful proposal. Some of these reasonings include claims that the new mosque would lower property values, bring in more dangerous people into the area, and make the neighborhood unsafe is just absolutely ridiculous.

American Muslims routinely score as one of the most educated, and low in crime demographics in the United States, according to a number of studies by the Pew Research Center and the Center for Social Policy and Understanding. You would be lucky to live next to a Muslim neighbor, much less an entire mosque.

Furthermore, a quick look at other mosques built in similar residential locations across the country shows that housing property values actually increased tremendously instead of lowering.

ICN has proven to be a pillar of the community, from numerous events and educational seminars such as voter education, interfaith programs, freeCOVID testing, and volunteer drives.

This mosque has benefited many people from all walks of life and it will prove to be an advantage, even for those who oppose this humble and much needed endeavor.

Thank you.

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: PZC Case 20-1-052

From: Shakira Fatima [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:06 PM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: PZC Case 20-1-052

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To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for taking time to read this and including my vote in your decision making.

I am very much in support of the ICN project. It's so important for our kids and families of all religions to be able to accept people of different beliefs and different color/ethnicity/religion in our beautiful country of America. An understanding and tolerance of every religion brings unity amongst our communities and provides our kids (our future generation of leaders), with a fruitful future full of knowledge, open mindedness and impartiality. As societies become more intertwined on a global scale, countries' demographics diversify, and our cross-cultural exchanges become more frequent. Think of the future of our kids. This tolerance can only be achieved by welcoming all different religions into our communities. This is what makes America great (the melting pot of the world) that we are able to be united, accepting and understanding of each communities needs. Allowing each religious group the necessities they have in order to provide the services they need for their community is very important. Remember the focus of our future is to build a community that is United and not divided.

Which takes me to my next point: the ICN project is such a peaceful, beautiful, important and necessary project that will allow people of faith to come and practice a beautiful religion at the facility. It's a means for the community to gather and build bonds with each other, this facility will be able to provide activities for kids and adults, sports opportunities, personal growth opportunities, religious activities, charity opportunities, and so much more. Let's not forget it's a voting/poll site for public voting. Allowing ample parking for the American voters is so important. As is, lines at polling booths are usually long, it is unnecessary to also have long lines just to wait for a parking spot. Providing ample parking reduces the hassle of voting. This will allow the people of America to exercise their voting right without having to worry about parking.

Let's look to unite our beautiful community instead of let non-supporters divide us. Make America United Again!!!

The American dream can only come true when we are accepting of others beliefs and their religious needs and allow them the capability to fully practice their beliefs in their religious facilities. Religious equality is the American dream!

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052

From: Sana Ghassan [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:53 PM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052

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I am in total support of this project, approving this project will be beneficial for the neighborhood and community at large. ICN provides opportunities not only for the Muslims but for the community at large, programs for youth, mental health awareness, elections centre, programs for families and communities at large.

I hope this project gets the approval. The concerns of the opposition were addressed in the presentation. I wonder what happened in the last weeks that this opposition has gone so far!!

I hope we as a community are better examples for our children!

Thanks

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW:

From: Sidrah Shah [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject:

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SUPPORT

-Sidrah Shah

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: ICN 248th Masjid Project - support

From: Suman Sherwani [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: ICN 248th Masjid Project - support

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Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Committee:

I am writing to express my full support of the ICN 248th Masjid Project. ICN has been a trusted member of our community for many years, and this project would bring so much positive change for years to come. I am concerned that many of the negative comments in opposition are coming from a lens of Islamophobia. I saw one that said "Islam and it's spread in the community would only make the community insecure. Plus they are in the habit of blowing up themselves for just about no reason just because their holy books asks them to." Not only is this false, it is incredibly dangerous to allow this kind of mindset to influence our community. If we reject this project, we are showing everyone that we think that Muslims do not have a place in our community. This project includes many inter-faith efforts, and after seeing these comments, I believe that having space to educate the community on how we can all live peacefully together is more important than ever.

I'd also like to point out that many of the people writing in opposition don't seem to be from Naperville. This is very concerning and points to the fact that this is part of a larger Islamophobic effort to stop this masjid from being built. As someone who grew up in Naperville, close to the proposed location, it would be really sad to see this project stopped because of this. I appreciate your time reading this. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Warm regards,
Suman Sherwani

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Islamic Center of Naperville 248 Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Abdul Sherwani [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Islamic Center of Naperville 248 Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my support for the Islamic Center of Naperville 248 Project. Approving this project will be beneficial for the neighborhood and community development at large. First, this facility will offer a number of initiatives to promote community development. There will be a number of community events, classes for growth, sports for the youth, humanitarian services, and initiatives for diversity and inclusion. Second, it will betterment society by promoting multi-faith programming. Multi-faith programs will help bridge gaps in the community, and encourage a flourishing environment for a strong community.

Thank you

Abdul Sherwani

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Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Support for islamic center of naperville

-----Original Message-----

From: Ayesha Bhara [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Support for islamic center of naperville

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Hi,

Residing in Ashwood Pointe in Naperville, I strongly support the construction of the islamic center on 248th street. Having such an important facility close to home will make it so so much easier for me and my kids to pray and fulfill the duties of our religion. The other naperville mosques are too small to allow the many Muslims in the community to easily pray and gather for religious events. Having this facility is a great need for the community and for me having it close to home will be absolutely ideal. This facility will in no way disturb anyone's lifestyle and will only make it easier for Muslims to fulfill their responsibilities. Please allow for the construction to go through and don't let "traffic" as an excuse to make it difficult for us to practice our religion.

Thank You,
Ayesha Bhara

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Naperville 248 project support

-----Original Message-----

From: Aisha Quadri [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Naperville 248 project support

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Sent from my iPhone

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Friday afternoon Mosque Traffic and Children of Tall Grass - 248th Ave

From: Wojtowich, Robert [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Friday afternoon Mosque Traffic and Children of Tall Grass - 248th Ave

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Greetings Planning Board:

As a Tall Grass resident on Blazingstar Ct., please consider this concern as it relates to a decision to grant an exception to the residential zoning for the proposed mosque complex on 248th Avenue which is surrounded on all sides by residential communities. My concern is that the scale of this complex will draw a significant increase to traffic in the area, creating an environment that will increase danger to our children exiting school on Friday afternoon, either walking home or heading to the Wolf's Crossing Community Park, a time when the traffic will be the heaviest.

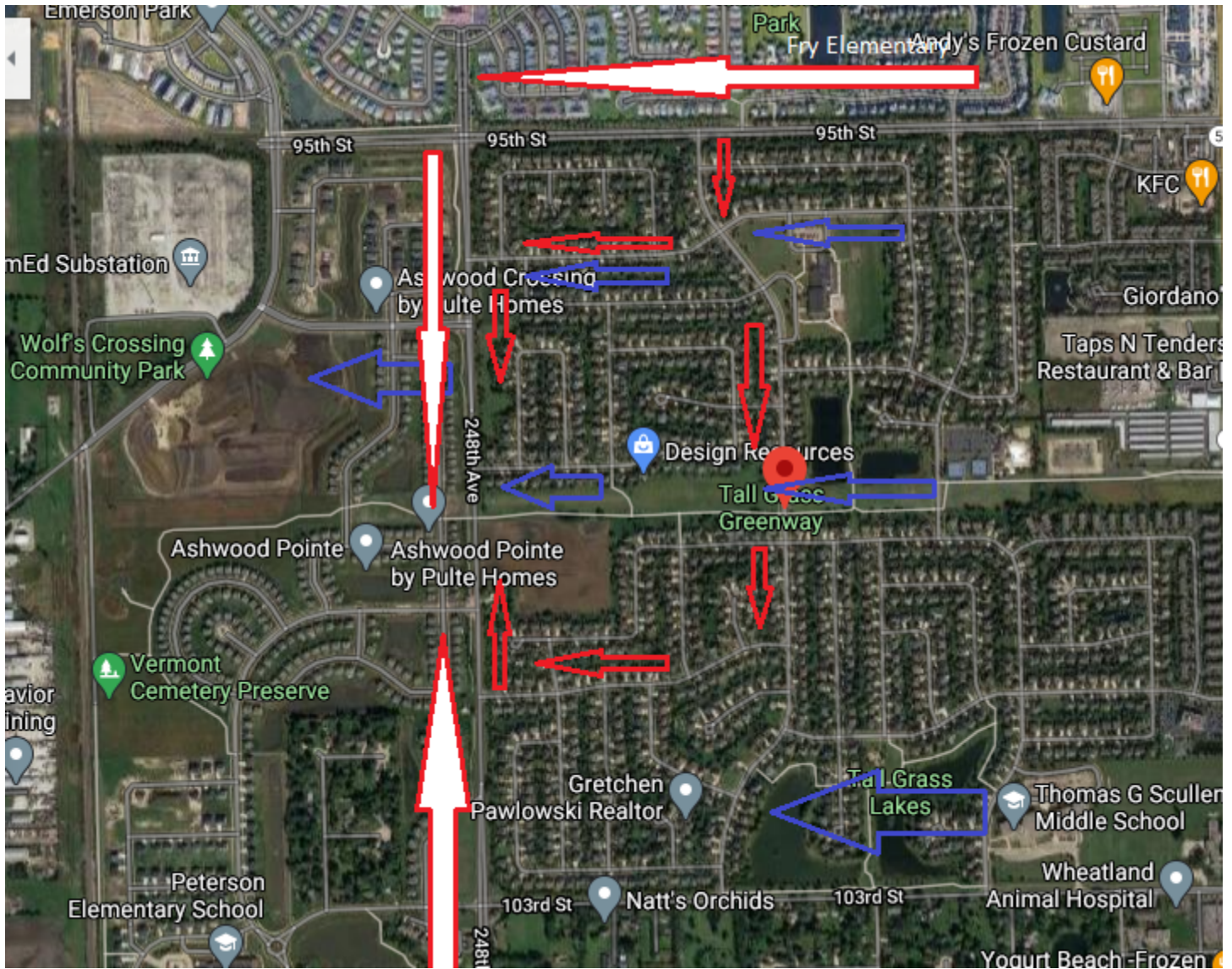
Below is a map of our community with 3 types of arrows to illustrate the following traffic patterns:

- Large red arrows with white interior – Standard traffic to mosque
- Small red arrows – Traffic deviations to avoid the backed up left hand turn at 95th & 248th
- Small blue arrows – Children pedestrian/biking traffic exiting the Scullen and Fry schools, heading home or to the Wolf's Crossing Community Park.

In addition to the traffic on 248th Ave. that cuts off all routes children would need to take to walk/bike to the popular new park, the backed up congestion at the left hand turn on 95th & 248th will drive impatient individuals to cut through Tall Grass via Tall Grass Drive, either to take a right on Grassmere Rd. or continue on to Landsdown Ave, endangering children exiting Fry Elementary.

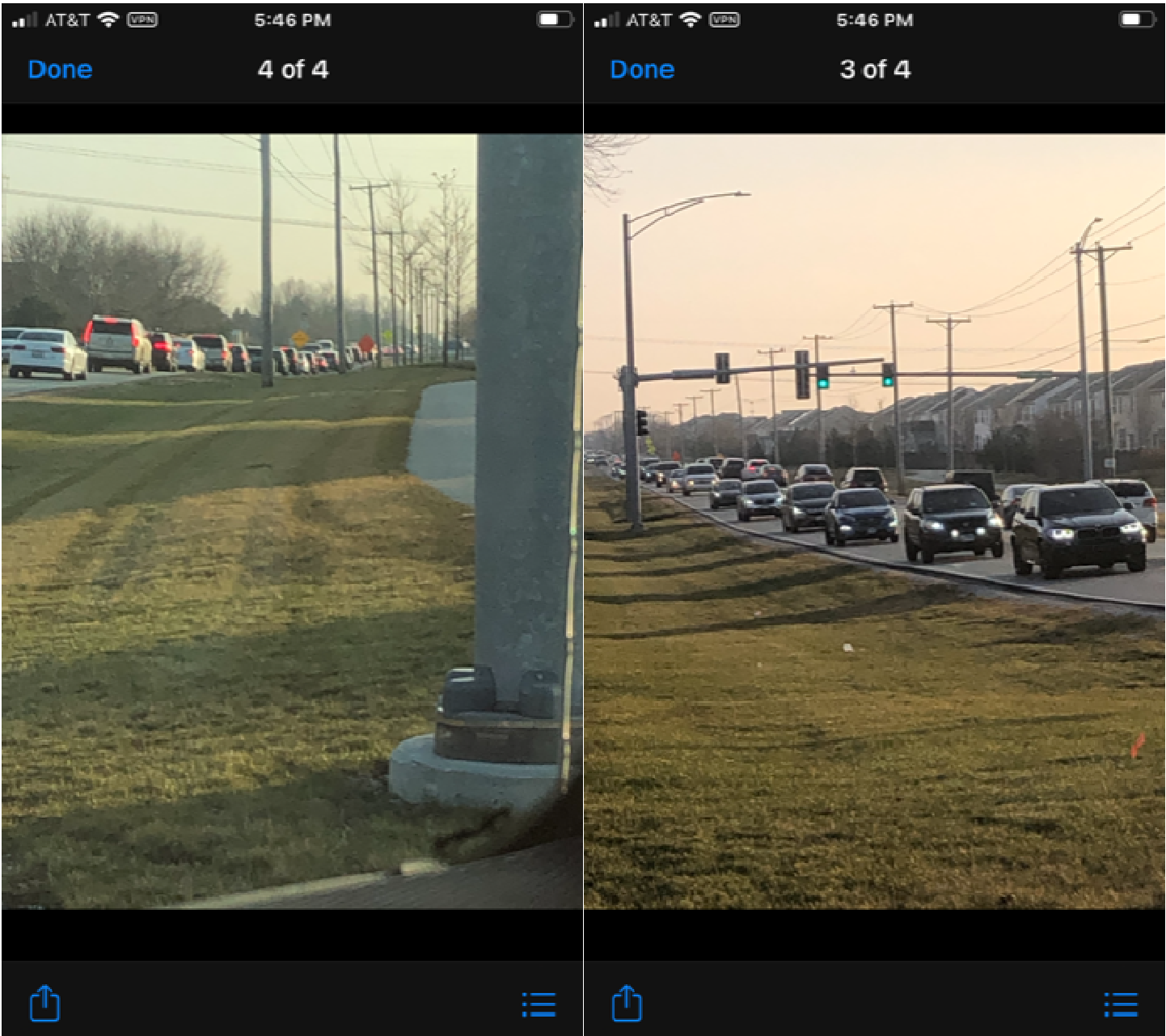
If the board decides that there is a basis for warranting an exception to the residential zoning for a facility of this scale which is surrounded on all sides by residential communities, I'd hope there would be funding for a pedestrian bridge over 248th Ave. as has been done over Rt 59 to access Frontier Park. In addition, a 4-way stop sign at Tall Grass Drive and Grassmere Rd. would help protect children crossing that intersection which is preceded by a significant curve that obscures vision. Installing speed bumps in front of Fry and near the bike path would also help dissuade traffic to Landsdown Ave.

Also attached below are photos taken on Dec. 18, 2020, when concerned residents coordinated a Friday afternoon traffic simulation on 248th Ave. Thank you for your consideration.



Looking south on 248 from Trumpet Ave

Looking south on 248 from Grassmere Rd.



Regards,



Robert Wojtowich [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Islamic Center Naperville 248th street

From: Mehreen Sherwani [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Islamic Center Naperville 248th street

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share my support for the Islamic Center of Naperville project on 248. I live in the community and think the center would be a great vessel for learning and community engagement.

Thank you,

Mehreen Sherwani

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Support for ICN 248 Project

From: Amarah Quraishi [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Support for ICN 248 Project

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To Whom It May Concern,

This email is being written in regards to PZC Case 20-1-052. I want to voice my full support for this current project. I believe it will bring nothing but good to the Naperville Community.

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: In Support of The ICN 248th Building

From: Farhat Abbas [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: In Support of The ICN 248th Building

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It is really disheartening to see so much hatred and bigotry coming from one minority to another, but it is not surprising considering the anti-minority narrative that is commonplace in India. But I believe in the constitution of the country we live in.

For us in the Muslim community, mosques are the heart of our community life. We don't just gather at mosques to pray; they're where we learn, celebrate, and rejoice. Our communal interactions help our mental health and the mental health of our youth. To take that constitutional right from us because a bunch of bigots have banded together in the name of concern for their community, would not be in keeping with the traditions of this country.

In the 2020 elections, we teamed up to defeat the exact same mindset, so why is it that when Muslims" your supposed intolerant minority" can find it in their hearts to celebrate our VP, but our Hindu neighbors are going out of their way to oppose building of a mosque?

As a proud American Muslim, I am hopeful that we will not let racism and Islamophobia affect the outcome of this decision.

Thank you!
Farhat Abbas

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: PZC Case 20-1-052

From: Umaima Quraishi [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:47 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: PZC Case 20-1-052

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Hello,

This email is in regards to the Naperville Masjid. I would love to see the masjid open and flourish. It will help add more diversity to the community.

Thank you,
Umaima

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 8:19 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052

From: shanu9211@gmail.com [mailto:s██████████]
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Subject: Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052

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Greetings !!!

To
The Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission - Naperville/IL

Dear Sir,

I appreciate the authorities for conducting a public hearing to know concerns or hardship faced by any individual due to proposed development.

But looking at the list of people opposing the proposed development, it seems opposition is merely because of their cross faiths and no lawful reasons provided.

Well few have raised some technical concerns like traffic congestion and damage to forest preserve. Of course!!! such challenges have to be sorted out in the interest of all public residing near that proposed development, by proper planning by proposed developers and sanctioning authorities.

Furthermore, some people feel their property value will go down with proposed development, threat of their children's lives etc.due to strangers coming in. Such concerns are totally absurd and show their haterism to specific community/religion.

We hope PZC will review the matter on merits as per the law of land and do the needful.

Regards,
Mohammed Shahnawaz Khan

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 8:18 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052 - SUPPORT

From: Syed Yawar A. Shah [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:45 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052 - SUPPORT

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Support

Regards,
Syed Shah

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Islamic center of Naperville

From: Shyamsunder Ramanath [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Islamic center of Naperville

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My name is Shyam Ramanath. I want my voice be heard. I want to oppose the construction of Islamic center campus in Naperville.

Thank you.
Shyam Ramanath.

Kopinski, Sara

From: Planning
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:43 AM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: FW: Supporting icn new icn mosque

-----Original Message-----

From: Sidra Zubairi [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Planning <Planning@naperville.il.us>
Subject: Supporting icn new icn mosque

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I support the zoning and making of a new mosque

Sent from my iPhone

Kopinski, Sara

From: Valerie Otto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Kopinski, Sara
Subject: ICN proposed project on 248th Avenue

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Good Afternoon,

We wanted to voice our objection to the Islamic Center of Naperville (ICN) proposed project on 248th Avenue. The size and magnitude of the center is not suited for a residential area. It will have a SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE impact on Tall Grass and surrounding neighborhood subdivisions regarding traffic congestion. There are more proposed parking spaces for ICN than the Naperville Costco. This demonstrates the fact it is not suited for a residential area. In addition, the traffic will increase bike path safety concerns when crossing 248th Avenue and there is insufficient buffering and protection for the homes adjacent to the property.

Sincerely,

Stephen and Valerie Otto

[REDACTED]

Naperville, IL