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Dear Mr Hanson and members of Naperville PZC,

I have just listened to the recorded PZC session concerning Islamic Center of Naperville PZC Case 20-1-052 from October 6 2021. I am very disappointed in the decision to approve the project as a whole with 12 conditions. I am confident that the scale of this development is inappropriate for the location. I also support the rights of islamic religious community to have their place of worship. I do not support though the approval of multipurpose facilities of regional scale in the residential areas.

I do not support the 12 conditions which were imposed. Those conditions allow to build both phase 1: a Mosque and phase 2: a school before expansion of 248th ave and the remaining phases after the expansion.

In my opinion, there was supposed to be a condition mandating that ICN develops only phase 1 and then submits the study of the impact of the mosque alone on the neighbouring community which would include traffic, parking, public safety, private property values among other things. Development of every subsequent phase of this project should be conditional on the favorable outlook of submitted study done on the previous phase.

In Mr Hanson's remarks he stated that the attorney representing some concerned residents of Southern Naperville was hyperbolizing the negative impact of this project on the community. It seemed to me that Mr. Hanson was doing exactly the opposite - trying to diminish it. It would be wise though not to rely on hopes and fears in making the decision but on existing facts. And those facts can only become clear if one tries and sees what happens, and in trying makes one attempt and analyses what went right and what went wrong before making the next one. So it is very upsetting that PZC recommended to approve TWO phases and only hinted that after those two phases the project will be under review again.

Such superficial approach by PZC would definitely stir a lot of passion among Naperville residents. It seems that the members of the committee are very concerned that they might take blame in "islamophobia" if they don't give this overblown project a green light. They are so concerned, that taking a common sense step by step approval approach did

not even occur to them as the most feasible one. The one that will give both sides in this argument some satisfaction instead of giving it to one side only (the ICN side I mean).

I think building a Mosque and perhaps a preschool (not a private elementary school as currently planned) would be just enough for that specific parcel of land owned by ICN.

I hope that elected city council officials will take more measured and wise approach than PZC did and I would definitely convey this opinion to them.

Sincerely,

Galyna Krylova

South Naperville resident