

Hello Ms. Chang,

I am writing to submit my public comment on the DRB hearing for the following project:

Project Location: 478 Cambridge Drive (APN-069-560-031)

Project Name: Community Assembly Parking Lot Lighting

Case Nos.: 24-0032-DRB, 24-0052-ZC

I am totally opposed to granting approval to the proposed lights at 478 Cambridge Drive. I live on Berkeley Road and my property backs up to the parking lot of the church. Earlier this year when the lightbulbs were changed to the new LED lights, it was intolerable. They were so bright that we could literally see the glow of them from many blocks away. It was like living next to a stadium that never goes dark. We were planning on going to the church office to beg them to turn the lights off, but some neighbors must have beat us to it. It was such a relief when the lights were shut off. Our entire house was illuminated by those lights, including the inside. Sleeping was almost impossible. There is absolutely no reason to have that many lights, so bright, on all night long. All of our fences are only about 6 feet high, so even lowering the height of the poles to 14 feet won't help keep the light from shining into our homes. They caused so much disturbance to the peace in our own home. It felt like spotlights were shining on us all night long. They also cause so much light pollution that we couldn't even see the stars in our own backyard anymore. I would propose that if the church wants to illuminate their parking lot, they install post lights that are approximately 3 feet in height. Those would light up the parking lot for drivers, but not ruin the peace of all the neighbors. I am begging the DRB to NOT approve the 14 foot light poles with the LED bulbs.

Please contact me if you need any further information. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Michele Hantke-Jones