

From: [Barb Braun](#)
To: [Council](#); [Ewing, Jennifer](#); [Stewart, Justus](#); [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Council Comments - Wilburton CPA Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 3:11:27 PM
Attachments: [Wilburton CPA Ordinance Comments July 2024.pdf](#)

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Cc: [Council](#); [Ewing, Jennifer](#); [Stewart, Justus](#); [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Re: Council Comments - Wilburton CPA Ordinance
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Really nice job Barb!

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Hello Valued Bellevue Leaders,

Thank you for hearing my remarks last night. I am sorry to have shown frustration. My apologies.

I appreciate everything you do. Thank you for your tireless service, I know it's not easy to address all stakeholder concerns.

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From: [Jessie Zhang](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Cc: [Tony Chen](#)
Subject: Inputs Feedback for Wilburton Area Parking Options
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To Whom It May Concerns,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for gathering input from the public to make the land use code more suitable for the community. We appreciate the time and effort the commissioners have contributed to this significant project.

We own the properties located at 23 Lake Bellevue and Campus Office Park (1611 116th Ave. NE) and are glad to hear that the city has adopted the Wilburton Vision Implementation Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) recently.

Considering public transportation and future environmental issues, more and more people will prefer taking public transit instead of driving. The current parking requirement indeed needs to be changed accordingly. There are two options for parking, Option A and Option B, depending on whether there's any new development of the property or if the current business is expanding. We believe Option A, with no minimum requirement, is more suitable for the community in the future and should apply to existing businesses too.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



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Subject: Bike Bellevue Study Session August 6 2024
Date: Monday, August 5, 2024 8:40:25 PM

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Bike Bellevue Public Process

August 6 2024

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councilmembers;

I was nonplussed reviewing the August 6 2024 Bellevue City Council meeting agenda; the Bike Bellevue presentation by Staff is only information and does not ask for direction.

I sincerely hope the agenda notice is adhered to in the meeting; any deviation would be a lack of government transparency to the public.

I hope that Council supports the decision of the Transportation Commission to only consider taking of traffic lanes on arterials as a last resort. The Transportation Commission took deliberate care to consider the public input on Bike Bellevue; to support the public process and the intense work the Commission has accomplished; Council must support their decision. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on transportation-related issues. Members are responsible for studies, analyses and reports required by the Traffic Standards Code or requested by the council. If the Council overrides the vote of the Transportation Commission, there is no need to have Commissions and Boards.

I certainly hope that Council follows the agenda and only gives input, not direction to Staff. I have seen recent Council meetings be redirected at the last minute which does not give the public nor Councilmembers enough time to react and give input.

Bike Bellevue sounded like a good idea when it was initially introduced. I especially appreciated then-Councilmember Jennifer Robertson's direction for Staff to consider buying right of way to expand separated bike lanes. Having biked around Bellevue for many years, and voted on the latest Bike Ped plan, I thought Bike Bellevue would complete and enhance existing bike infrastructure. The idea of taking designated Truck and Commuter lanes for bike lanes goes against every traffic safety notion; especially considering the unanimous TR2 amendment to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan just a couple years ago that mandates aggressive investment to reduce traffic congestion. Taking out heavily traveled truck and commuter lanes at any part of the Bel Red corridor - or any arterial for that matter - will increase congestion and decrease traffic safety for all modes.

I implore Council to support its Transportation Commission and honor their decision.

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