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[MPC Comment] 11-B-15-SP and 11-F-15-RZ

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Reply-To: KimberlyUTK@gmail.com

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Dear MPC,

Please do not approve the rezoning from Parks and Public Open Space to Commercial. I am truly saddened and disappointed by the breach of public trust that general public was not told of the proposed rezoning of Nicholas Ball Park. Could you supply me with any proposals or plans related to Nicholas Ball Park zoning changes, land exchanges/acquisitions/disposals, and any meeting notes related to this issue?

According to a recent article in the Knoxville News Sentinel, we are the fourth fattest state in the country. Please do not take away this public space that people use to exercise and enjoy soccer on a daily basis. Especially to put in a grocery store? We are already overrun with grocery stores in this area. Food City (0.5 miles), Kroger, CVS, Walgreens, and a Dollar General Market (1 mile away). I'm also concerned for Food City, a semi-local business. This new grocery may put them out of business. Then I'll have an empty grocery store at the front of my neighborhood.

My children attend Ball Camp Elementary School and I'm concerned with the increase of traffic in this area. We do not have a traffic officer in the afternoon, which makes for some scary turns into oncoming traffic. A new grocery store would make this worse.

I understand that this is being considered for a land swap for a park in Hardin Valley. I don't live in Hardin Valley. I live in Ball Camp. Studies show that the closer you live to a park the healthier you will be. I also feel like parks and other community properties are being added in more affluent sections of our town. Ball Camp is a working class community. Please don't hurt us to help the more affluent.

Thank you for your time,

Kimberly Evers

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