

5-B-21-SC Richard Clark – an opposing viewpoint to the rezoning proposal

1. Neighborhood safety issue. Neighbors that live on the opposite side of the street currently must park their cars on Glenmore Drive during hazardous black ice road conditions. When our steep driveways are iced over there is no other place for us to park. The opposite side from Glenmore Drive is a very steep hill.
2. Law enforcement. Knoxville city police sometimes use Glenmore Drive to watch our part of the West Hills neighborhood to help keep us safe. There have been both home and car burglaries in the neighborhood. There are often people that drive recklessly speeding on Bennington Drive. It can be downright dangerous. We have small children that live on our street. The neighborhood association recently put in speed humps to slow traffic down but not on this section of Bennington Drive. We need law enforcement to put a check on speeders that according to the West Hills association drive an average speed of 55 MPH where the limit of the law is 30MPH.
3. Security threats and neighborhood safety. If someone drives illegally into the park or through a neighbor's backyard or leaves their vehicle without permission on Glenmore Drive, the police can be called. If the road becomes private, that protection/jurisdiction is no longer available.
4. Neighbors living across the street from Richard Clark have been subject to the many eyesores that could become worse with the Clark's junk yard potentially spreading even further. For example, their parents used to live in an RV that was parked on Glenmore Drive. More examples are boats in disrepair, building materials under their carport and fence, and large mulch pile at the end of Glenmore Drive.
5. Churchill Road is another stub road similarly connecting the West Hills neighborhood to the park. If Glenmore Drive becomes private will Churchill Road be next? What is happening that makes it so easy to turn a city street that fills essential needs like safety and security into private land?
6. Overflow parking for neighbor guests has always been available on Glenmore Drive for convenience since Bennington Drive is a double yellow lined street where parking is not permitted.
7. Park access potentially being cut off for the residents of West Hills that live close by.
8. The public paid for the Glenmore Road creation and upkeep in taxes paid by our community. How is this fair to the community that this public investment that serves many purposes should be converted to a private driveway removing the many benefits that this road provides?

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