

Ken Spafford  
8001 Bennington Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
C:602-410-2422

**RE: ROW Closure Request 5-B-21-SC**

Dear Ms. Portier,

I am writing in support of the ROW Closure 5-B-21-SC. I live on 8001 Bennington Drive, across from the Glenmore residents on 8000 Bennington Drive.

I have read the objections posted online. Most of them appear to be based on a misunderstanding that neighborhood residents would lose access to the park via Glenmore. This is incorrect, because the online proposal includes a pedestrian easement so that anyone is allowed to walk on Glenmore to access the park. This was also made clear to me when Dawn Clark asked me to sign the original petition. (I asked her.) It is obvious to me that the Clarks always intended to allow park access on Glenmore.

Closure to public automobiles would make Glenmore safer. I have two children and have used Glenmore often to walk to the park, and plan to do so again in the future. The only time my children have been in danger on Glenmore is when nonresidents have whipped around the corner from Bennington to Glenmore to park illegally on Glenmore to access the park.

Nonresident parking on Glenmore would likely be nonexistent if it were no longer a public street. It is a matter of common sense that the public is much less likely to park on a street with no street sign that says Private Drive.

I have parked illegally on Glenmore when necessary, because Bennington has no street parking. The Glenmore residents have never given me a problem about it. The Glenmore residents are very likely to still be okay with neighborhood residents parking there when needed, even after all this public disagreement.

I understand that the ROW Closure request is unusual, because it is based in part on zoning issues about a fence and a pool. But, the Clarks appear to have acted in good faith and exhausted all other avenues of appeal. The Clarks made this ROW Closure request a long time ago, were upfront about it from the beginning, and appear to have done some lovely curbside remodeling based on the expectation that the ROW Closure would be approved. I don't have a problem with their request.

This last-minute argument that Bennington residents would lose park access is not true, and should not factor against the Clarks' request.

Kenneth C Spafford May 10, 2021  
Ken Spafford