

Good afternoon,

I am the secretary of the Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association and am writing on its behalf in opposition to the planned Cookout and its drive-thru.

Edgewood Avenue is already a dangerous road. People drive too fast, several animals have been killed on the road, and at least one person has been hit in the past few years. This proposed Cookout will increase the volume on our road and create severe congestion on both Edgewood and likely on Claiborne Place as well.

Claiborne is also often used as a cut-through street and I see near wrecks there on a daily basis from people turning left too quickly from Acker or from people ignoring the stop sign on Claiborne to turn onto Acker. Claiborne is essentially a one-lane road due to street parking, so when people turn too quickly it could easily turn into a head-on collision. Customers leaving Cookout would likely take Edgewood to Acker and turn quickly onto Claiborne, creating a higher probability of crashes.

We also have traffic calming measures coming to Edgewood, and paired with anticipated Cookout drive-thru overflow onto the street it could make Edgewood impassible (plan attached). This plan is approved and is out for bid, and will be implemented in summer/fall 2023. There is a center island planned just before the intersection of Edgewood and Bill Williams Way, so if the drive-thru traffic overflows it will cut off half of the street in that area and people will have to take turns going around the island to the left. With the high-speed travel on our road, if someone turns off Broadway quickly that creates more potential for head-on collision. Regardless of the island, if a drive-thru line backs up it will force people to drive more in the middle of the road and increases the chances of collision.

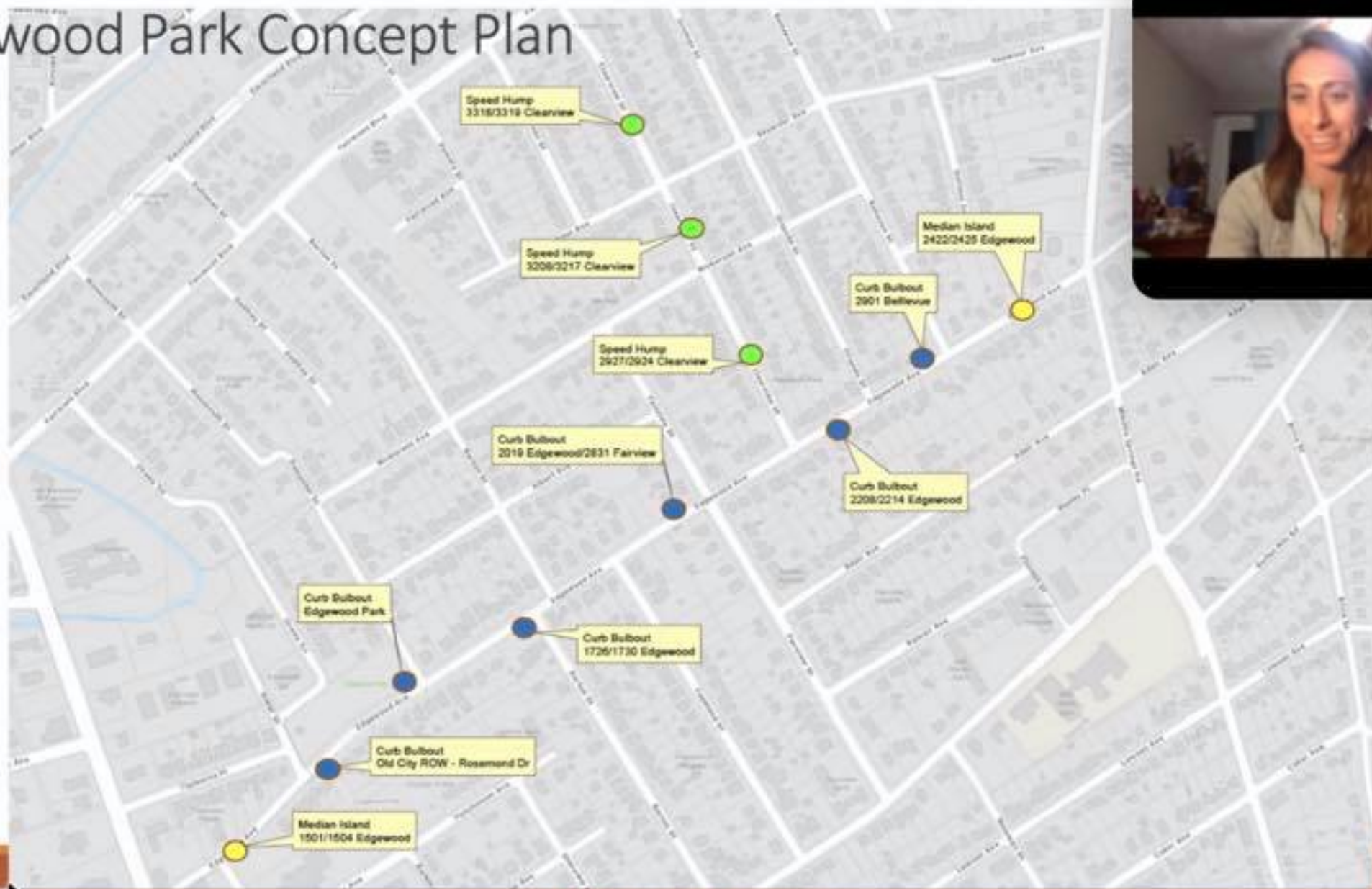
When you drive by the Cookout on Cumberland Avenue in the evening, it is loud and often hard to navigate. People are blasting music in their cars or are outside being loud. This is a residential area and there are about 23 homes that would be directly affected by this. We do not want the nuisance in our neighborhood late at night.

Additionally, we already have a problem with people getting fast food from other places nearby, such as Burger King, KFC, and Wendy's, and littering. People walk or drive over to Edgewood Park to eat their food, and often dump trash along the road or at the park. Several nearby residents, including myself, take turns walking the park to pick up trash. Given the foot and car traffic at Cookout, we believe this would increase the litter problem as well.

Cookout is not a good fit for that location, but we especially object to a drive-thru and the congestion, noise and litter that will come along with it.

Thank you,
Erin
EPNA Secretary

Edgewood Park Concept Plan





Alternating Curb Extensions Bulb-outs & Median Islands

- **Horizontal Deflection**
 - Lane Shifts
 - Cars forced to slow and drive a less-direct path
- **Roadway Narrowing**
 - Creates a restricted feeling
 - Wide roads lead to a more open feeling

