

From: [Taylor Herinckx](#)
To: [Hearing Examiner, King County Council](#)
Subject: Public Comment on vacation file V-2750, A portion of 43rd Ave S.
Date: Friday, July 12, 2024 10:38:42 AM

Good day,

I would like to submit public comment on the vacation of the park entrance at 43rd Ave S. While I'm not familiar with the specifics of the proposal, I presume the intent is to eliminate the area which attracts people who do not practice the behaviors of upstanding citizenry. This is exhibited by the debris and garbage, loitering in cars after dark, and the New Years and Independence Day firework displays which threaten to rattle the fillings out of my teeth. I hope the intent is not simply for the adjoining property owners to get a larger yard at the expense of the rest of the community's park access.

However, I would also like to comment that the park access is a valuable community resource, used extensively by neighborhood residents for exercise and dog walking. My family as well as others use the entrance daily during the school year to commute to Camelot Elementary, which is designated as a walking school. The school does not have school bus service, and believe you me, they don't need another few cars trying to get through that parking lot every morning. The park entrance also provides access to the bus line on 294th St. from the opposite side of the neighborhood. While there is another park entrance about two blocks to the east, that access is commonly flooded during the winter and so is difficult to use.

I hope that some solution can be reached which will satisfy most community members, such as blocking the parking area with boulders, or maintaining a narrow trail access to the park while the adjacent property owners acquire most of the area.

Thank you for your consideration,
Taylor Herinckx

July 12, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Proposed Right-of-Way Road Vacation V-2750

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed right-of-way vacation petition currently under consideration. As a concerned resident, living next to Camelot Park, I believe that vacating this particular right-of-way, which boasts well-maintained paths and exceptional accessibility, would have significant negative repercussions for our community.

The right-of-way in question is distinguished by its meticulously maintained paths, providing safe and accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists alike. These pathways are integral to our community's daily life, ensuring convenient access to essential services and recreational areas. Vacating this right-of-way would severely disrupt these crucial connections, particularly for residents with mobility challenges who rely on its accessible features.

Maintaining public rights-of-way is crucial for ensuring equitable access and mobility within our neighborhood. By vacating this right-of-way, we risk limiting the connectivity and accessibility that our residents rely on for daily activities such as commuting, emergency services, and recreational purposes. Any reduction in our city's infrastructure could create long-term challenges and hinder future development opportunities.

In addition, the proposed vacation of the right-of-way could lead to adverse environmental impacts. Public rights-of-way often serve as corridors for natural drainage and wildlife habitats. Altering or eliminating these areas could disrupt local ecosystems and exacerbate issues related to stormwater management, potentially leading to increased flooding or other environmental hazards.

Furthermore, vacating the right-of-way may set a precedent that could encourage further privatization of public spaces in our neighborhood and city. It is essential to prioritize the collective interest of the community over the potential private interests of a few individuals or entities. Our public rights-of-way belong to all residents, and decisions regarding their use should be made with careful consideration of the broader impact on our community.

In conclusion, I urge you to carefully reconsider the implications of vacating the right-of-way and to prioritize the long-term interests of our community. Preserving public access, ensuring environmental stewardship, and upholding the principles of equitable development are essential for maintaining the quality of life that we cherish in our neighborhood and city.

Therefore, I strongly support the County Road Engineer's recommendation to deny the proposed right-of-way vacation petition. This decision aligns with the best interests of our community and ensures that we uphold our responsibilities to current and future residents.

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of all residents of our neighborhood and city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremy Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "F".

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