Near North End Neighborhood

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The Situation

- We support a vibrant economy and diverse blend of businesses & residences
- We thank CC for their community engagement meetings
- We appreciate the City addressing current parking challenges
- We are concerned about the potential deleterious impacts of the Arena
- 14 concerns that we can collectively take action to mitigate injury to the neighborhood during day-to-day use of the Arena
 - be addressed as part of this approval process
 - be captured as protective covenants and specific plan restrictions or agreements
- Work together with CC and the city to appropriately address these concerns

The Neighborhood asks CC to conform to both the

• Conditional use criteria (Code section .5.704)

Surrounding Neighborhood: That the value and qualities of the neighborhood surrounding the conditional use are not substantially injured.

• City master Plan review criteria

Surrounding Neighborhood: The land use pattern is compatible with existing and proposed adjacent land uses and protects residential neighborhoods from excessive noise and traffic infiltration.

To mitigate injury, the Neighborhood Asks

- 1. CC stop further encroachment into the neighborhood
- Arena usage be limited to a given number of days and high-intensity events be contained
- 3. Arena events include CC hockey games, reasonably sized sporting events and possible CC graduation (in case of inclement weather)
- 4. Costs of garage parking be included in tickets and no charge to staff/students on-campus

The Asks

- 5. CC supply on campus parking for all venues they currently own, build in the future or acquire
- 6. In return for vacating 8,000 sq. feet of City-owned land, CC provide 50 parking spots in the garage to the neighborhood
- 7. Open Cascade Avenue and Nevada for attendees to park during events
- 8. Please do not place large lit signs on or around the arena
- 9. Please stay family-friendly when further expanding the area south

The Asks

- 10. Actively enforce permit parking and provide contact information
- 11. Adopt an alcohol policy and a curfew practice
- 12. Establish a "fast-response" process to address future traffic and parking issues
- 13. Allow for permit parking in the neighborhood (Thank you to the City, Tim R.)
- 14. CC publish a schedule of all events --not just the arena-- and provide notifications

Immediate Next Steps

- Again, we'd like to work together to appropriately address these concerns
- It is important the agreements be written down for clarity and alignment
 - be addressed as part of this approval process
 - be captured as protective covenants and specific plan restrictions or agreements