

## Item 6 - Correspondence

**From:** [wendy\\_cleary](#)  
**To:** [MCP-Chair](#)  
**Subject:** Sligo apartments hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 2022 6:53:28 AM

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Dear Casey Anderson,

I am writing to provide written testimony regarding the hearing for Sligo Apartments on July 21.

While I understand the necessity for affordable housing in our area and in our neighborhood, I am concerned that the proposed apartment building and number of units will exacerbate parking difficulties on my street, Ritchie Avenue, which is the closest cross street to the proposed apartment building, and particularly on the 700 block of Ritchie.

These are my concerns:

-The residents will have to pay a monthly fee for a parking spot in addition to their rent. The price has not yet been determined. I believe that there may be several hundred people living in the units and many may not have parking spots.

-There are not places allotted for guest parking in the plan to my knowledge. The area right in front of the apartments on Sligo Ave is no parking. When the residents have guests (or if the residents themselves have or use a car and can't or don't want to pay for parking), they will understandably look for parking on adjacent streets.

-Ritchie Ave has 2 hour parking during the week. But it is rarely if ever enforced, and not in effect in the evening or on weekends. On-street parking on the 700 block of Ritchie already occasionally fills up when there are events on nearby Sligo Ave properties.

-I am concerned that potential parking problems on Ritchie Ave (and perhaps Sligo Ave, Mississippi Ave and Chicago Ave) have not been thoroughly considered in the plan to build these apartments.

I ask that consideration be given to providing more on-site parking spots to residents, providing these spots at low/affordable cost, and providing ample guest parking spots. Perhaps there are additional measures that might mitigate this problem that I have not thought of.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Cleary

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**From:** [Jason Fasteau](#)  
**To:** [MCP-Chair](#)  
**Cc:** [Jamie Fasteau](#); [HDIhopolsky](#)  
**Subject:** Submitting Written Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 11:28:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [Testimony Item 6 7.21.22.pdf](#)

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Chair Anderson,  
Please see attached testimony regarding Item 6 on the 7/21/22 Agenda.  
Thanks,  
Jamie and Jason Fasteau

July 20, 2022

Chair Anderson and Members of the Planning Board,

As neighbors who reside behind the Sligo Avenue Apartment proposal, we are writing to share our thoughts regarding this project. We first want to convey that we recognize the need for affordable housing in the County, particularly in locations that are walkable to amenities and transportation.

While we have had an opportunity to meet with the developer of the property, it is important for us to reiterate priorities for the community to ensure that the construction and the final product have minimal impact on neighbors.

We ask that in the current plans the developer prioritizes the community's need for stormwater remediation (including during construction) and that any lumination that is installed follows the County ordinance and has minimal impact on neighboring properties. We also request that the refuse/recycle area is covered and unseen by neighbors including leaving the trees that are currently near where these items are to be located and be constructed and maintained in ways to not attract vermin.

Regarding the construction process, we respectfully request that construction is completed on a consistent daily schedule that minimizes the impact on neighbors. As many children walk along this block to get to and from East Silver Spring Elementary School, sidewalk pedestrian access must not be impacted.

Thank you.

Jamie and Jason Fasteau