

City Website Comments and Emails Received:

Please share your comments and questions about this application:

I have to voice my concerns. My husband and I went searching for a home a year ago to move our family out of a lower income neighborhood. We specifically chose to not live near an apartment building. We chose a home in a lovely neighborhood. I also want to add...when I was quite young, my mother became a widow. We lived in a dilapidated trailer for many years. I understand the need for this housing. I do not understand why this particular location has been chosen. This is right down the street from our new home. My concern is placement of an apartment building in this lovely neighborhood. Will it bring property values down? Will we be paying less in taxes because this will change the surrounding neighborhoods to low-income? What will happen when traffic picks up? Another stop sign placement right outside our backdoor, with that much more noise from accelerating vehicles on 4th?

Rebekah Lano
422 Spruce Street

Please share your comments and questions about this application:

Please do not rezone this area to allow a three story apartment complex to be built. There is already significant traffic through that area due to my pillow and amazon. This includes trucks. In addition, the natural view from neighboring houses that border the property will be disrupted. The previous greenery was ripped out when the my pillow and other industrial buildings were constructed. Has any thought been given to the influx of students into the area schools that will result from this change? 50 units with the possibility of 1 to 2 kids per unit. This will directly impact the existing schools and school transportation. The school district is already operating in a deficit. Has any thought been given to the city turning the unused property into a park or play ground? The city needs more greenery not less.

Jim DuLaney
1884 greenway ave

Please share your comments and questions about this application:

Our family has lived at 1804 Greenway Ave. for nearly 30 years. Our home is 1/2 block south of the Knights of Columbus Hall. As Shakopee residents living in close proximity, we ADAMANTLY OPPOSE the application and proposed use of the property located at 1760 4th Ave E. for a Multifamily Residential Apartment. We are opposed to this proposed project for several reasons: * The number of units are too dense for a property of this size. Increased vehicular traffic and lack of green space for children to play are just a couple of our density-related concerns. * Our single-family residential neighborhood already has a high density of multi-family dwellings nearby. Eagle Creek Townhomes, Canterbury Apartments, 55-senior townhomes, and more. Adding another multi-family complex further diminishes the value of our homes and single-family neighborhood quality of living. Our family asks the Shakopee Board of Adjustment and Appeals to deny the application for Conditional Use Permit, or any other allowance to use the property located at 1760 4th Ave E. for the use of a Multifamily Residential Apartment. As long-time, tax-paying Shakopee residents, we hope our voices will be heard by members of the Shakopee Board of Adjustment and Appeals, City Council, Mayor, and City Administrator. Thank You. Respectfully, Gordy Pehrson Debi Windschitl-Pehrson

Gordon (Gordy) and Deborah (Debi) Pehrson
1804 Greenway Avenue

Please share your comments and questions about this application:

Please don't put low income housing in our neighborhood! We have too many surroundings in our resident neighborhood that bring high traffic to our streets that are brought by Amazon, Canterbury, townhomes, senior housing, rental townhomes.... and now you're looking at low income housing?? Our neighborhood has no consistency to it all mix matched hodge podge.. and our kids can't even ride bikes crossing roads because they may get hit by all the traffic on these roads in the three block radius. Please entertain low income housing in an area of our city that is either not as developed or already has low income housing on site. I really want to keep my neighborhood and house value attractive.

Stacia Almendarez
1803 Parkway Avenue

Please share your comments and questions about this permit application:

There is too much traffic in our neighborhood with the newer warehouses that have been built on 4th Avenue. When I moved into our neighborhood it was quite you could cross the street with your child on a bike and not worry about getting hit by a driver and now there is so much traffic I feel many times I am crossing Eagle Creek or Marshall Road. When is enough commercial bldgs in residential neighborhoods? I understand there is a commercial bldg there currently but it was used very little and it really never seemed to cause many traffic issues. Please think of the neighborhood.... amazon brought a lot of traffic to our area and your adding more.

Stacia Almendarez
1803 Parkway Avenue

Good Afternoon,

Our family has lived at 1804 Greenway Ave. for nearly 30 years. Our home is 1/2 block south of the Knights of Columbus Hall.

As Shakopee residents living in close proximity to the Knights of Columbus Hall, we **ADAMANTLY OPPOSE** the application and proposed use of the property located at 1760 4th Ave E. for a Multifamily Residential Apartment, especially if said property will be used as a homeless shelter.

Homeless shelters better serve the needs of the community when located near commercial establishments.

They do not belong in residential neighborhoods.

Homeless shelters cause property crimes, such as theft and vandalism, to **increase by 56%** for **residences** located within 100 yards of a shelter.

Conversely, **commercial establishments** have shown a **34% decrease** in breaking and entering when within 100 yards of a shelter.

Our home is within 100 yards of the proposed shelter.

Our family asks the Shakopee Board of Adjustment and Appeals to deny the application for Conditional Use Permit, or any other allowance to use the property located at 1760 4th Ave E. for the use of a Multifamily Residential Apartment.

As long-time, tax-paying Shakopee residents, we hope our voices will be heard by members of the Shakopee Board of Adjustment and Appeals, City Council, Mayor, and City Administrator.

Thank You

Respectfully,

Gordy Pehrson
Debi Windschitl-Pehrson
1804 Greenway Ave.

Planning Staff Response:

Hi Gordy—

Here is the link to view information on the current projects proposed in Shakopee. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me. There is also an area to provide comments on the proposed projects.

<https://www.shakopeemn.gov/government/mayor-city-council/agendas-minutes/public-comment>

Kyle Sobota

Thanks Kyle. This information corrects some of the misinformation we received and is very useful, however, we are still opposed to this proposed project for several reasons.

1. A multifamily residential apartment building that houses only long-term homeless is similar to prison living, with residents sharing common histories, problems, and values. It would be better to house individuals with various socio-economic situations. Some would pay the market-rental-rate, some would pay a little less with subsidies from HUD or another source, and some long-term homeless.
2. 50 units is too dense for a property of this size. Increased vehicular traffic, lack of greenspace for children to play, are just a couple issues we are concerned with.
3. Our single-family residential neighborhood already has a high density of multi-family dwellings nearby. Eagle Creek Townhomes, Canterbury Apartments, 55-senior townhomes, and more. Adding another multi-family complex further diminishes the value of our homes and single-family neighborhood quality of living.

As long-time, tax-paying Shakopee residents, we hope our voices IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED PROPERTY USE will be heard by members of the Shakopee Board of Adjustment and Appeals, City Council, Mayor, and City Administrator.

Thank You

Respectfully,
Gordy Pehrson. Debi Windschitl-Pehrson

April 22,

Dear Council Members, Mayor and city leaders of Shakopee,

My name is Molly Nefstead. I am a registered voter living at 1800 Penstemon Lane and am writing today about Prairie Pointe, the family supportive housing development located off 4th Ave E and Sarazin Street.

I wanted to let you know that I am in support of this project and excited about the benefits it will bring to our community. As a school social worker I see first hand the struggle families face to find affordable housing. During this time of "distance learning" we have students who are opting out of attending classroom Zoom meetings because they are living in a hotel room or shelter and don't want their classmates to know. Within Scott County there are families that bounce from one school district to the next based on where they can find housing. Often this housing is unsafe and involves multiple families living in a dwelling designed for a single family. On a regular basis I work with families who need to move with very little notice because a landlord discovers there are too many people living in a rental unit. Children are unable to put forth their best academic effort and struggle to develop social skills when they aren't sure where they will be sleeping or with whom they will be living.

Family supportive housing would help children thrive socially and academically, improve overall health outcomes and allow parents to gain financial literacy and maintain employment. Prairie Pointe could mitigate many of the adverse childhood experiences of local families allowing them to prosper rather than fall through the cracks of a broken system. Shakopee has the opportunity to be a leader for suburban communities across the state and nation. Prairie Pointe will serve as a physical representation that we hear and see all of our community members, not just those with privilege. This is a smart investment in the future of Shakopee. I hope you will vote in favor of its land use on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Sincerely,

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April 8, 2020

Dear Mayor Mars, Shakopee City Council Members, City Administrator Reynolds and City Planning Director Kerski,

My name is Julie Welch and I am a resident of Shakopee. I am proud to have been born and raised here! I am also a member of St. Joachim and Anne parish.

I have been a supporter of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative as both a volunteer and financially for over 5 years because Beacon is amazing at what they do and they do it right. When I realized there was homelessness in Shakopee, I tried to do something on my own to help. It was a bandaid because I do not have the experience and resources that Beacon does, so I decided to partner with them. I have prayed for a project like Prairie Pointe within my community for a number of years.

Shakopee prides itself on being a community of families and I will be there to welcome new families to Prairie Pointe when it opens. Coming from a family of builders, I understand the need for affordable homes where families can feel safe. With the price of land and materials continually on the rise, it is not profitable to build affordable housing. I am thankful that organizations like Beacon have taken up this challenging work!

Thank you for your time and consideration. When it comes time to vote on Prairie Pointe, I hope you will vote with your values so that families in Scott and Carver county have a home where they can afford to get back on their feet.

Sincerely,

Julie Welch

Good Evening,

I hope this email finds you all well. I am writing to you to voice my concern as it just came to my attention that the city has intentions to sell the KC Hall at 4th and Sarazin and that the intentions are to build a Homeless Shelter. My husband and I are parents of three young boys and live on 1987 Greenway Ave in Shakopee and the thought of raising my kids close to a homeless shelter really concerns me. I do not believe that having a homeless shelter in a family community is the safest for our children. This neighborhood is close to homes with many children and although I believe it's important to provide housing to the homeless I am not sure a family community is the right place. I hope that as representatives of our city you do everything possible to stop that project and ensure that our children are surrounded by a positive and safe environment. With the risk of COVID-19, drugs, sex traffic, etc. I find this very alarming.

Thank you in advance for reading this email and knowing that we as citizens of Shakopee do not approve or wish to have this type of facility close to our children or neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Mariely and Luis Lopez

Dear neighbor,

I hope you'll join me in supporting the fabulous new homes at Prairie Pointe. I believe these high-quality apartment homes being proposed by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative will be a great addition to our neighborhood. As Prairie Pointe moves forward, you'll have the opportunity to see so, too.

Beacon has an excellent track record of providing well-managed apartments and being great neighbors. Prairie Pointe would provide about 50 families in our community with a stable home and support services they're seeking to increase income, advance their education, nurture their children, and invest back in Shakopee. All the things we hope to do and be as parents and neighbors!

I've attached the flyer Beacon is sharing with their congregations, city staff, and others in our community which reviews what Prairie Pointe is and why it's so important. As you read through, keep in mind that the city is only being asked to approve land use. They aren't asking for funding.

There will be more information about Prairie Pointe on the city of Shakopee's website, including an invitation for your comments. I hope you'll take a look, chat with myself or someone at Beacon with any questions and join me in telling the city that we support Prairie Pointe as a great investment for our future.

I want these new neighbors because we have an opportunity, so close to home, for a work of our faith values according to Mathew 25 31-46 that would support about 50 families and benefit our entire neighborhood. I'd love to hear why YOU support Prairie Pointe as well.

To learn more about Beacon and Prairie Pointe, visit:
www.beaconinterfaith.org/blog/organizing/overview-prairie-pointe/

For any questions, you can email Beacon at prairiepointe@beaconinterfaith.org or reach out to me at maimulc@gmail.com

Your neighbor,

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