



Save Myers Park!

At the October 26 meeting of the Tallahassee City Commission, commissioners voted 4 to 1 (Commissioner Curtis Richardson dissenting) to move forward with the rezoning and sale of 9.7 acres of Myers Park where the city-owned Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Affairs office is located. It's bounded by Myers Park Drive, Van Buren Street, the electric substation, and the railroad tracks. With this vote, the Commission reversed their earlier decision to build a

sound-deflecting wall to address noise interference in the neighborhood.

Myers Park is in Tallahassee's only designated residential historic district, and the City leaders want to rezone and sell this 9.7 acre tract for the development of multi-family housing. They suggest that the development could serve as a sound barrier. The proposed action would rezone the parcel from RP-2 to CU-12 (in other words, density from six dwellings per acre to 12 dwellings per acre)

- To view the October 26 City Commission meeting discussion of this issue see timeslice 1:11:12 through 2:03:37 of the YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PKIqnJrcLE>
- To read the staff recommendation proposing the rezoning and development of this part of the park, see agenda item 13.02 at <http://www.talgov.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/planning/pdf/compln/2017/pcm201706.pdf>



This action by the City has three components, two of which have city-wide impact and one of which has local impact only. The two aspects of this decision that have city-wide impacts are (1) the sale of public park land and (2) rezoning an area into a land use classification and zone that is out of character with the surrounding neighborhoods. If this proposal succeeds, it will set a dangerous precedent for all our parks and for all Tallahassee neighborhoods. This is an assault on both public property and zoning integrity.

In addition to these broader city-wide concerns, selling the park land appears to be a violation of City policy (136.13 Real Property Owned by the City: Sale or Disposition of Surplus Property) in that this land is extensively used as it is the location of the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs office and has the materials and storage buildings for both Cascades and Myers Parks. Further, the costs of relocating the City offices and finding suitable space and buildings for the materials and equipment required to manage these two parks is largely ignored in the "fiscal analysis" of the staff recommendation.

We urge you get involved to stop the degradation of our neighborhood! See the other side of this flyer for steps you can take!

Get Involved!

It will take an enormous grassroots effort to ensure
our voices get heard!

Here is what you can do to support the effort:

- Contact your City Commissioners to voice your opinion
 - Phone 850-891-8181 (calling is so much better than email!)
 - Email andrew.gillum@talgov.com, nancy.miller@talgov.com, scott.maddox@talgov.com, curtis.richardson@talgov.com, gil.ziffer@talgov.com
- Attend the Local Planning Agency Public Hearing at 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 7 at City Hall in the City Commission Chambers, 300 S. Adams St, Tallahassee, FL 32301
 - Wear or bring something red to signify support
 - Sit together as a group where possible
 - If you are willing, provide public comment at the meeting (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
- Display a yard sign. To get a FREE sign, there are two options:
 - Text "SIGN" to 38470, or
 - Email heatherflemingdesign@gmail.com with your name and address
- Like our Facebook page for updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/tallparksandrecoffice/>
You do not have to be a Facebook user to like this page!
- Contribute for signs and other campaign efforts
 - Send a check, made payable to Myers Park Neighborhood Association, note that it's for the Friends of P&R, and mail it to PO Box 504, Tallahassee FL 32302.



If you'd like additional information:

- Email FriendsOfMyersPark@gmail.com
- See <http://myersparkna.org/topics/parks-office-proposal>