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Subject: Odana Hills feedback: don't build parking for maximum days

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Hi,

I won't be able to make it to tomorrow's meeting about Odana Hills, but it really stuck out to me that the proposed concept devotes a lot of area to parking, and buildings much more parking than is used on a typical day. The existing parking lot is really overbuilt, and I have never seen it full.

This is the city's opportunity to reconsider whether that's the best use of that acreage, and whether this park should have that large-scale parking capacity, when it's directly on a cross-town bike/ped route, and a block away from the intersection of two transit routes.

Oversized parking encourages and incentivizes unsustainable transport. And it can lead to the parking lot being a use and a destination of its own, for things like street racing, doing donuts, and so on.

It's wild that the city thinks there's room for 160 parking spots, but no room for a full basketball court like the one there today.

The PSOP lists the price tag of a large parking lot as \$500k-\$2M. That's a lot of money! And if the parking lot were right-sized, that could free up area--and funding--to support other features and amenities.

On days of high-capacity events, there is no possible parking lot that's going to handle those peak days, so it would just be wasteful to design the parking lot for that. There's a lot of street parking available nearby, and yes people would have to walk a bit from that street parking, but that's just the geometric reality of parking: even if it were a large lot on-site, getting from one end to the other would be a walk.

Given that staff are at this park every day, it shouldn't be hard to get some data about the parking usage, in order to make better-informed decisions about what's needed.

Thank you,

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