

# Response To Kwik Trip Meeting at Door Creek Church 6/13/19

Gary Jugenheimer <gary.jugenheimer@gmail.com>

Sat 6/15/2019 10:29 AM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

June 14, 2019

To: Alder Lindsay Lemmer

From: Gary and Bonnie Jugenheimer

Subject: Kwik Trip Addition – Sprecher Road and Cottage Grove Road, Madison, WI

Alder Lemmer:

My wife, Bonnie and I attended the meeting on June 13, 2019 held at the Door Creek Church to review the plans of the Kwik Trip Company to build a new facility on land located at the corner of Sprecher Road and Cottage Grove Road in the City of Madison. Both Bonnie and I have a high regard for the services and convenience that the Kwik Trip Company would offer our neighborhood should this facility be built.

Presently we have some concerns that we feel must be addressed to you and our fellow neighbors to ensure that the project is properly vetted. These are as follows and not in order of any importance:

1. Sprecher Road is conceived by many commuters as a main route for traffic to move from Buckeye Road on the South end to as far and beyond on the North to Highway 151 and the shopping areas of Sun Prairie (Woodman's – Costco – Palace Theater etc.). The traffic on Sprecher Road moves at approximately 45 MPH and above on the entire length. One of points where traffic must slow is the intersection with Cottage Grove Road. During busy times, morning, noon and late afternoon, this traffic is of very high volume for this neighborhood.

Our concern is that introducing a Kwik Trip, a Summit Bank Facility and a proposed Apartment building in this small area is insufficient for the volume of people that would be using the facilities.

2. Presently the only commercial activity found in our immediate neighborhood is on the Northwest corner of Sprecher/Cottage Grove that offers Summit Credit Union, a Liquor Store, a Fitness Store and a Dental Office. To our west on Cottage Grove is a highly regarded food store, and various other retail and service providers. There is nothing close to our neighborhood other than these mentioned. There should be a survey conducted throughout the neighborhood within a reasonable distance from Sprecher/Cottage Grove Roads to determine if in fact there is a need for a facility such as Kwik Trip. At present, all we as property owners have received is the input from a combination of the Developer (Hovde) and Kwik Trip representatives which I believe may be biased in their assessment and not representative of the neighborhood. They do not reside in the neighborhood. Quite possibly Kwik Trip would be willing to fund this survey conducted by an unbiased firm without connections to either the neighborhood or the parties interested in the selling the property or occupation of the present parcel of land.

3. It is our understanding that there is a plan to extend Sprecher Road to the south of Cottage Grove Road and connect with County Highway AB to the east of its current intersection. This expansion is scheduled to place a four-lane road heading south from the intersection of current Sprecher and Wyalusing Roads along the entire length of the Eastern edge of the Hovde Parcel of land currently proposed to build the Kwik Trip, Summit Credit Union and an Apartment Building (size?).

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4. There exists to our knowledge no indication of drawings to verify the planning for a four-lane road along the Eastern Border of the Hovde Parcel. Kwik Trip has proposed that a Two-Lane road would be built along the eastern border that would run from Cottage Grove Road, north around the Kwik Trip site and connect to Sprecher Road. This road would be called Kilpatrick Lane and would offer entrance to the

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proposed Summit Credit Union Site. Kilpatrick would be approximately across from the current Kilpatrick that serves the current Summit Credit Union location at the present site on the Northwest Corner of Sprecher/Cottage Grove Roads. Our concern is that the space needed for a Four-lane road on the eastern border of the Hovde Parcel has not been mapped to provide a Four-lane road with a grass median, and grass edging on both sides of the roadway. Unless this is properly planned it is felt that putting a Kwik Trip at this location prior to the expected road relocation and expansion would not be warranted. It is felt that to increase the stress to the neighborhood with construction, road building and changing traffic patterns another site should be entertained that would not conflict with a busy intersection such as Sprecher/Cottage Grove Roads.

5. Our neighborhoods are well-maintained, new, quiet, close to schools and transportation and offer a safe place to raise a family. A significant number of our homes and condominiums located in our neighborhood are owner occupied. Home ownership has always been a foundation of pride in a neighborhood and it is to the advantage of the neighborhood that this value is held in high regard. Our lawns and dwellings are properly cared for and maintained and, in a few cases, there are instances of neglect. Neglect may happen because of absentee owners or apartment buildings that house people that do not have pride of ownership. We have no doubt that Kwik Trip does feel the same way we do and will support our neighborhood in that respect. Sadly, we feel that this project is being "pushed" upon us without getting a true feeling for the need for such a facility. We do not want the commercial aspects of expansion to invade our neighborhood until all the dust has settled from the planned road construction.

6. Cottage Grove Road is a primary route for travel from Monona to Cottage Grove and carries the traffic from the Monona School daily. It is also a route to the downtown of Madison and back from Cottage Grove. It is our assumption that as Cottage Grove expands that the traffic will also increase adding to the congestion that currently exists at the Sprecher/Cottage Grove Road intersection. These events will be exacerbated by the entrance and exiting of traffic from the newly constructed Kwik Trip facility. There needs to be a plan to react to these conditions.

7. Currently we purchase food items that we need quickly from the convenient Metro Market located near us on Cottage Grove Road. If we need fuel for our cars, we usually purchase it at the station on Atlas and Cottage Grove or when we go to Costco or Woodman's. Even though there is a Kwik Trip on Milwaukee Street, we have never bought fuel there because their pricing is not competitive. Would the convenience of having a fuel source at the Hovde property be enough for us to change our buying habits, I am uncertain unless there was an indication that the pricing of the fuel was equal to or less that I could purchase from current providers. The food items that Kwik Trip provides are not in our estimation equal to that offered by the Metro

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Market. Again, the need to survey our neighborhood to justify the need for a Kwik Trip is more than justified.

8. The question of what is going to be built on the remainder of the Hovde Parcel needs to be more thoroughly defined. In fact it may be worthwhile to understand how this property was zoned prior to Hovde acquiring it from the previous owner who farmed the land. We assume that it was zoned agricultural and if so how or why would a zoning authority classify this much property as commercial when it is surrounded by owner occupied property? Maybe this question should be reviewed as it appears that not enough input was generated to justify such a zoning decision. There is currently adequate property to the east and south of Cottage Grove Road, property along Sprecher near Milwaukee Street and property on County AB headed toward US Highways 12 & 18 that could provide better opportunity for an increased commercial development. We as property owners in this neighborhood do not relish the continuance of commercial establishments being built all along Cottage Grove Road that will diminish the quality of life that we currently enjoy. Not to mention the possibility that our property value will be diminished because of such activity.

9. Why does there seem to be the desire to move quickly to build and operate this Kwik Trip? We have not had nor recall having discussions with our neighbors that led us to believe that we needed a convenient stop facility with a car wash. We believe the impetus for this project is coming from a developer who has had this property for a long time and during that period has become anxious as no party has shown an interest in building on the property up until the Kwik Trip Project. It is my understanding that the tax burden to the developer is not the same as if I was a private owner of the property which I can understand. At the same time, I remind myself that I have been looking at this property for almost ten years and when lived on by Dorothy Rodefild the fields were cut, and the property was taken care of. Since Dorothy has moved off the property and the buildings removed, the developer has permitted the field to grow noxious weeds and does not remove them. During the winter the walk which is used by children to get to the bus stop at Wyalusing and Sprecher is not cleared and becomes covered in ice, making it dangerous to all that walk the ice-covered sidewalk. This kind of neighbor, the absent owner, is one that I

abhor and does not do justice to those of us that care for our property. Will this lack of caring exhibit itself in the quick decision to put Kwik Trip on this property?

Alder Lemmer, we sincerely hope that you will be able to help us with these concerns, concerns that we are sure that you share as a resident of our community. Progress and change are good and imminent but that does not mean we do not have the right to question these proposals. Thank you for your concern and understanding.

Your neighbors,

Bonnie and Gary Jugenheimer

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Gary and Bonnie Jugenheimer

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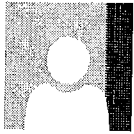
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RE: Request for Kwik Trip to not sell hard liquor

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Verbick, Jim

Thu 5/16/2019 10:13 AM

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To: Lemmer, Lindsay;

- Flag for follow up. Start by Thursday, May 16, 2019. Due by Thursday, May 16, 2019.
- You forwarded this message on 5/16/2019 11:09 AM.

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Good morning, Alder Lemmer,

I don't see this application in our system yet. Here are the deadlines to alcohol licenses: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/licenses-permits/alrc-deadlines>. If the application is submitted by noon next Monday, it could get on the June ALRC meeting. Otherwise, it will be at a later meeting. The ALRC take the opinions of the neighbors and the neighborhood association into consideration. They especially, look to any recommendations or guidance from the alder of the area.

What might put you and your constituents at ease is that Madison General Ordinance 38.07(16) prohibits gas stations from selling liquor, other than wine.

- “(16) Establishments Selling Motor Vehicle Fuels . (Am. by ORD-16-00105, 12-2-16)
- (a) Policy . The City of Madison finds that it is appropriate to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, other than wine, at retail establishments that also sell gasoline or diesel fuel because the availability of intoxicating liquors to the motoring public at locations where fuel is purchased could encourage or facilitate alcohol related driving offenses. Intoxicating liquors are a particular problem when trying to identify those who engage in drinking and driving. The package sizes of intoxicating liquors are also smaller and easier to conceal than other alcohol beverages.
- (b) No new "Class B" license or "Class A" license authorizing the retail sale of intoxicating liquors shall be issued to any establishment which also sells motor vehicle fuels, unless the licensee agrees to the license condition that the establishment will limit sales of intoxicating liquors to wine. This subsection (15) does not apply to any full service grocery store that sells motor fuels from a separate, non-contiguous location or to any license originally issued prior to July 1, 2009.”

They can apply for a Class A Beer, Class A Liquor license, but the ALRC will put a condition on their license to limit the Class A Liquor part of their license to sale of wine only (maybe allowing cider too).

I hope this helps. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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pesticides

Angie <angiemae007@att.net>

Mon 6/17/2019 2:07 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

**Hey Lindsay-**

**Thanks for coming to the Quik Trip meeting. And for facilitating some of that. My wish is for them not to use pesticides on their lawns. it is in this little corner, and am hoping they will avoid spraying poison several times a summer.**

**I am also hoping the new Northstar dog park will have no spray put down.**

**And while we're on the subject, is there any way you can stop Grandview Comm Assoc from spraying this crap on all the pocket parks? I was on a stroll last Friday, and the triangular one, quite large, on Callisto Drive, had been sprayed and did it stink. Went by today, and it is still toxic air.**

**It would save lives and money if some of this spraying in public areas could come to a halt. Thank you for any efforts in this direction.**

**Yours sincerely,  
Angie Moen**

# Kwik Trip/ Meadowlands Development

Jennifer Bussan <jenniferbussan@gmail.com>

Sun 7/7/2019 9:28 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

Hi Lindsay,

I received a lovely [sic] note on my mailbox this morning talking about the proposed low-mod income development in the Meadowlands neighborhood. The flier was not outwardly negative...but most definitely gave the feeling that we are to all raise up arms against this proposal.

Look...I believe very strongly that every neighborhood should have a mix of housing. That the best communities are those that allow all income levels and where the community can work together to raise everyone up. I feel that the development in the Meadowlands has the potential to do that. That being said...I have 2 concerns...

- 1...It is statistically accurate to say that there is more crime in areas of lower income housing. What is the MPD's plan for this neighborhood to be proactive about making sure that doesn't happen? Especially give the neighborhood's location on the periphery of the city?
- 2...Transportation. This development is on the very edge of the city. We have one bus that runs out here (Rt 33) and the service is NOT comprehensive. It runs a few routes in the morning hours and afternoon hours on weekdays only. Will the residents of this housing plan be stranded? If they are struggling to make ends meet, there may be greater chance that they are dependent on public transportation...and they will have VERY limited options. Work implications...those residents that do not work a normal 9 to 5...would be huge. Also general life issues...grocery, shopping, etc may not be reachable. The bridges over the interstate on Milwaukee St. will NOT sustain increased foot traffic. (Let's be honest...the foot/ bike traffic that uses it now is seriously dangerous and I'm surprised that there is not more vehicle/ pedestrian accidents).

So while I do not oppose the low income development in the Meadowlands, I would like to know what the city plans on doing to make sure that the residents of this community will have all the tools that they need to live a full life in this community.

And Kwik Trip.... I 100% support the building of a Kwik Trip out here on this side of the interstate. (Honestly...I would love to see something go in on the corner of Milwaukee and Sprecher but that is another conversation). My sole concern is traffic. As someone who has to turn east and head towards Cottage Grove daily, traffic can already be difficult...this could make it nearly impossible. I am hopeful that there is a comprehensive plan in place to keep traffic moving through that area.

Thanks for the opportunity to give my input. Have a great week,

Jen Busan  
409 Bailey Dr

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Jen Bussan

# Kwik Trip Proposal

Betty Proces <bproces@gmail.com>

Sat 7/6/2019 4:55 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

Alder Lemmer--

Saw your posting in Next Door. Thanks for keeping us informed! We love the idea of a Kwik Trip at Sprecher and CGR. It will be so nice to have a nice clean gas station with a car wash so close. Yes, traffic problems should be carefully considered, but we are in favor of this project. They are also a good employer and a Wisconsin-based employer. We strongly support it! (We have no relationship to the company.)

Stephen & Bet Proces  
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# Kwik Trip on Sprecher

Michael Kindschi <kindschim@gmail.com>

Wed 9/11/2019 4:29 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

Cc: Punt, Colin <CPunt@cityofmadison.com>;

We used to live about a half mile from a Kwik Trip. We found that KT was a good neighbor in our area, as well as being a very convenient retail outlet for fuel, limited groceries and a quick meal or snack.

When we moved into Madison (Sprecher Rd area) we realized how much we missed KT. We are looking forward to having a KT only 3 or 4 blocks away.

Mike Kindschi



# Kwik Trip Feedback

heather.sokasits <heather.sokasits@gmail.com>

Tue 6/18/2019 4:56 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

We are for the Kwik Trip although I think it may affect my job at Door Creek Church. Door Creek has a full espresso shop on weekends. It will pull business from it because of the cheap coffee options of the KT. Money raised from the coffee sales goes to the Youth Ministry and and international service trips.

Take care.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S®6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

# Kwik Trip CG/Sprecher

Jack Peterson <jkpeterson44@gmail.com>

Tue 6/18/2019 2:15 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

Hi Lindsay,

Just emailing to say that my wife and I GREATLY support the Kwik Trip project. When we moved here in 2018, the one thing we said we would change about the neighborhood was to add a Kwik Trip. Literally, we named Kwik Trip by name :)

It's really the best option for that location!!!!

Jack Peterson

# Kwik Trip

Robert Hall <tartanmarine@gmail.com>

Fri 6/7/2019 5:37 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

We received the notice of the Kwik Trip meeting at Door Creek Church on June 13. We are unable to attend but wish to be recorded firmly in support of a Kwik Trip there.

Robert A. & Bonnie B. Hall  
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Madison, WI 53718  
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# Kwik Trip

Pete DiPiazza <bfibrwfat@netzero.net>

Fri 6/7/2019 8:47 PM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

Lindsay:

We received your postcard about the second meeting for the proposed Kwik Trip.

My wife or I will not be attending. All we have to say is, we are in favor of this, and enough with the meetings already... start building it!!!!

Thank you,

Pete and Lisa DiPiazza  
526 Aztalan Dr

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# Access to proposed Kwik Trip off Cottage Grove Road

Gail Underbakke <glunderb@wisc.edu>

Wed 9/11/2019 10:20 AM

To: Lemmer, Lindsay <district3@cityofmadison.com>;

## General Information

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Should we contact you?: Yes

## Message:

Hi, My husband and I live on Cottage Grove Road just east of the proposed Cottage Grove Rd access for the Kwik Trip. Our driveway is about 60-70 yards east of the proposed south bound lane of the new Sprecher that will serve as the access to the Kwik Trip. We are concerned about the safety of adding another access off of Cottage Grove Road, especially that close to our driveway on one side and that close to the stoplight at Sprecher on the other side.

As you probably know, traffic on Cottage Grove Road moves much faster than the 40 mph speed limit. We can easily imagine someone traveling east on Cottage Grove Road, having to slow down to allow a car to turn left into the Kwik Trip, then impatiently speeding up and rear-ending us as we wait for traffic to clear so we can turn left into our driveway. We currently have many experiences of near misses as people pick up speed coming down the hill and then have to stop for us as we wait to turn. I attended an informational meeting this summer and there was discussion of turn lanes being installed on Cottage Grove Road to prevent collisions, but as I look at the road, there is very little distance between the stoplight at Sprecher, the proposed Kwik-Trip access and then our driveway. How is that going to work?

Bottom line, my husband and I do not oppose the Kwik Trip, but we are very concerned about the safety issues for us and others if the access is added off Cottage Grove Road. I would like you to advocate for our position and would also appreciate your advice on who I should talk to in order to make our concerns known. Would it be effective to attend that Plan Commission on Sept 16? Is there a specific person within the City of Madison or Dane County who works most closely with this issue that I should contact?

Thanks for any help you can give us,  
Gail Underbakke

Recipient:  
Lindsay Lemmer

**From:** Lemmer, Lindsay  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:15 PM  
**To:** Punt, Colin  
**Subject:** Fw: Kwik Trip

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**From:** Connie Haessly <[connie.haessly@gmail.com](mailto:connie.haessly@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:57 PM  
**To:** Lemmer, Lindsay  
**Subject:** Kwik Trip

Lindsey,

It will be great to have a KT in our neighborhood. The building and landscape discussed at meetings appears to be well thought out. My only concern is the traffic congestion where Sprecher narrows from 4 to 2 lanes and the added traffic from KT. Additionally, the turn lane on Cottage Grove may be problematic. I hope the traffic engineer has been able to look at the concerns expressed during the neighborhood meetings and consider better options.

Connie Haessly  
Grandview Commons

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michael Kindschi](#)  
**To:** [Lemmer, Lindsay](#)  
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Mike Kindschi

**From:** [Glori Sabin](#)  
**To:** [Punt, Colin](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kwik Trip Sprecher & Cottage Grove Rd  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:01:53 PM

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I apologize that we missed adding you to our email message to Ms Lemmer but the same message applies to you for your information. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Glori Sabin <[kdietzman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdietzman@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Date:** September 11, 2019 at 11:57:09 AM CDT  
**To:** [district3@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district3@cityofmadison.com)  
**Subject:** Kwik Trip Sprecher & Cottage Grove Rd

Dear Ms Lemmer,

This is to inform you that both my husband Kim Dietzman and myself, Glori Sabin, are totally supportive of the planned new Kwik Trip at the subject location. We have been waiting a long time for this to occur in our neighborhood and it will be a welcomed business. Thank you.

Glori Sabin and Kim Dietzman

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Lemmer, Lindsay](#)  
**To:** [Punt, Colin](#)  
**Cc:** [Tao, Yang](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Access to proposed Kwik Trip off Cottage Grove Road  
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FYI, traffic and safety concerns related to the proposed Kwik Trip and first leg of the New Sprecher Road.

Thank you,

Lindsay

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