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Subject: FW: comments on vacating portion of 17th Street South
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Agenda Item 14

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From: Lisa C. Kunz
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 8:08 AM
To: 'Janet Henderson' <janethend1@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: comments on vacating portion of 17th Street South

Good Morning Janet - thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of Agenda Item 14 on tonight's agenda.

Best regards,

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From: Janet Henderson <janethend1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:12 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: comments on vacating portion of 17th Street South

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed vacation of 17th Street South between 3rd Ave. S. and 4th Ave. S. I live a couple of blocks away at 1601 1st Ave. S. and am a frequent user of Kranz Park. I am in favor of the plan that resulted from creative problem-solving to help meet the needs of GFPS for additional parking. I was opposed to the earlier plan to convert the east end of Kranz Park to a parking area and believe this current proposal best suits the neighborhood as well as Great Falls High.

I am in the park at least several times a week, sometimes daily, and I observe very little traffic on the block of 17th Street South that is in question. It's just not used enough or important enough as a through street, in my view, to prevent the proposal to vacate from being implemented. Closing off this block will create more green space, rather than less, and preserve valuable trees as well as preserving the character of the park as a park (as opposed to a park with a parking lot). The neighborhood will benefit from GFH's plan to add parking spaces on their existing campus, closer to the building, which will mean fewer students parking in the residential area.

Let's support this innovative solution that serves the interests of the residents, the school, and even the grand elm tree that won't be encircled by concrete, diminishing its water supply and general health, not to mention aesthetics. Great Falls can be proud of its urban forest, the legacy of Paris Gibson, and we are wise to maintain the parks we have as parks. Sharing the east end of Kranz Park with Great Falls High teams that will use it as a practice field makes sense for the neighborhood and the city.

Respectfully,
Janet Henderson