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City of Puyallup
Building Division
333 S. Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

Re: Public Comment Response

Patrick Devereaux's Letter

Mr. Devereaux has voiced opposition to the proposed Cascade Christian CUP 20240037 and has expressed several points of mitigation to be addressed. Cascade Christian is committed to taking practical and effective steps to mitigate the concerns of Cascade Christian School (CCS) neighbors and community members.

Point 1

- **Have a crossing walks with crossing guards/person to direct traffic.** I as a neighbor next to cascade I cannot even pull out of my driveway around cascade drop off and pick up times. I have almost been run down when walking just trying to crossing the street. Children outside my house feel upset and scared even standing at bus stop with fast erratic traffic. It is my understanding these times and traffic will only be exasperated by this project doubling in attendees. At minimum, I believe it is impertinent to have a person to direct traffic during all high traffic times (before and after ALL school times and events) Cascade should be directing the traffic.

*Furthermore, I suggest Cascade rent an off-campus premise and bus the students in to lessen the impact on the surrounding area. Parents could pick children and drop children off to a off campus location to be bussed to school. 21st CAN NOT handle the amount of traffic it has now and this is before the plans to double the numbers of students at this location. It is often grid locked during school drop off and pick up times, greatly effecting all surrounding area.

Response: Since the public hearing date of 2.11.24, CCS has begun to implement:

Traffic Control Personnel: "To improve traffic efficiency, we are deploying trained traffic control personnel at key points such as entrances, exits, and other strategic locations on our campus. These personnel will be present during high-volume traffic times, such as drop-off and pick-up hours, to direct vehicles and ensure a smooth flow of traffic"

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Additional Parking Solutions:

“Cascade Christian Schools is exploring options to maximize our parking capacity. This includes the potential purchase of additional property or establishing offsite parking locations to alleviate congestion on the main roads. By providing more parking spaces, we aim to reduce the overflow of vehicles onto public streets.”

Staggered Start and End Times:

“To further alleviate congestion, we have implemented staggered start and end times for different grade levels. By spreading out the arrival and dismissal times, we can reduce the number of vehicles on campus at any given time, making the traffic flow more manageable.”

Traffic Flow Improvements:

“Ongoing improvements to our internal traffic flow are being made to enhance the efficiency of drop-off and pick-up times. We will continue to refine these processes and communicate all the changes to our staff and families to ensure everyone is informed and can adjust accordingly.”

Biking and Walking Initiatives:

“Where safe and feasible, we are encouraging our students to bike or walk to school. This initiative not only promotes a healthy lifestyle but also reduces the number of cars on the road, contributing to a decrease in traffic congestion around our campus.”

Commitment to the Community:

“We are committed to working closely with the City of Puyallup and the local community to ensure that our traffic management strategies are effective and beneficial for everyone. We believe these measures will significantly improve the traffic conditions around our campus and are eager to collaborate with city officials to address any concerns or suggestions you may have.”

Point 2

- **SCHOOL ZONES.** With the vast number of children going to school I do not understand why there is no regulation in traffic and school zones? I suggest traffic cameras and speed limit signs that will give citations to speeders.

Response:

The use of Traffic Camera's and Speed Zone signage doesn't seem like an effective measure that would contribute towards the effectiveness of mitigating the drop-off or Pick-up of students if other measures are employed. See mitigation responses to Point 1.



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Point 3

- **NO PARKING SIGNS (during school hours).** I am requesting “no parking” signs, during school hours, outside my house and I have talked to other neighbors who feel the same. WE SHOULD NOT be the drop off and pick up spot outside the front of our houses as direct neighbors. Cascade should be solving the brunt of the situation in regards to school pick up, drop off and after school sports. Outside our house should not be what is used for transfer of their students. Problem lies in them accepting more students than they can house. Shuttle busses for after school sports parked in front of neighborhood houses and high traffic is NOW spilling out on public streets, and this is before their plan to double attendance. THIS MUST BE ADDRESSED AND SOVLED! No parking signs during school hours for neighbors will force the parents of Cascade to use their parking lot.

Response:

As stated, in the response to Point 1, CCS is implementing the following:

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All of these measures will contribute toward an effective to and from school procedures in the safest way possible with reduced impact perception from the neighborhood.



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Kelly Crouse's Letter dated 6.28.24

Comments and feedback from a neighbor regarding the project at Cascade Christian Elementary School at the Jr and High school Campus at 811 21st Street SE. Adding 322 vehicular trips daily because of the new addition is adding more problems ...This long-time resident looks out on the traffic at 21st St SE. As there has been for years there are many vehicles at times driving, and many are a part of the "on street traffic parking problem". Heavy traffic lasts for a while at times especially at the intersections and close to going into and leaving the school. Unfortunately, many people will continue to use the neighborhood parking to drop and pick up and some will still just sit and park in front of houses and use driveways as turn arounds. Some sit for 45 minutes or more. People turning around in my driveway have run over the sewer lid in the front yard grass. Perhaps this on street parking and congestion problem could be eliminated and policed and not increased. It also helped when it seemed the school had somebody directing traffic at times a few months ago....

.....2nd Subject Speed Bumps on 21st St SE I believe the prints show the height of the speedbumps as supposed to be 4". I believe they have been measured up to 5 1/2" or so. The noise and shock from vehicles hitting their brakes and the speedbump and then accelerating away from the multiple speed bumps is severe and adds to pollution including noise pollution. Many trucks, trailers, noisy loads, etc. go this way every day and even many cars are even very noisy. Perhaps Pierce County could contact Longview WA and ask for their design of speed bumps with a much wider top seems to be a better design. Some of the soil in Puyallup seems to transmit noise and shockwaves easily. Thank you.

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Speed Bumps:

Any speed bumps installed should be in conformance with the standards of the City of Puyallup.

End of responses to letters, requiring a response.

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