

**From:** Tonya Hamilton-Nisbet  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2015 12:46 PM  
**To:** Parks, Timothy  
**Subject:** Fwd: Plan Comm. Mtg-April 20th-7202 Mineral Point Rd

FYI communications.

**From:** Janet F Hirsch  
**Subject:** Plan Comm. Mtg-April 20th-7202 Mineral Point Rd  
**Date:** April 20, 2015 at 11:50:31 AM CDT  
**To:** [Plan Commission e-mails]

As a long-time resident living two blocks away from this location, I would like you to understand my concerns about a proposed drive-through at 7202 Mineral Point Road. This item is on the agenda for your April 20th meeting.

1. I am greatly concerned about the additional vehicle traffic that will be generated in this block between Gammon Road and Westfield. If approved, this restaurant would be the only drive-through facility that has direct access to and from a major artery in this area. All of the neighboring "grab and go" restaurants are accessed from within a larger parking lot or from a secondary street...Chick-Fil-A, Jason's Deli, McDonald's, Starbuck's.

Increasing the traffic entering and leaving this location will do nothing to reduce accidents on this section of Mineral Point Road. To the east, the Mineral Point/Gammon intersection consistently ranks as one of the most dangerous intersections in the city. To the west, the intersection of Mineral Point Road and Westfield is already a challenge.

When traveling west on Mineral Point Road, many drivers are usurping the bus/bike/turn lane as a third lane of traffic, especially during the after-school and evening commute hours. Additional vehicles entering and leaving the road will make this block more dangerous.

2. The increased traffic from a drive-through will negatively impact the atmosphere of the area. The current mix of businesses provides a sense of community and neighborhood identity for residents living north of the 7200 block. The area offers services that are regularly used by the residents...banking, healthcare, and a restaurant. These are destinations that are used by me and many of my neighbors. Often accessed on foot, the businesses strengthen the identity of the neighborhood by providing opportunities to interact socially. This will be lost with the addition of a drive-through in the center of the block.

I ask you to reject the addition of a drive-through and the increased traffic that it brings to this location.

Thank you for the consideration.

Janet Hirsch  
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Madison, WI 53717  
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**From:** Skidmore, Paul  
**To:** stevedatka@culvers.com;  
**cc:** Stouder, Heather;  
**Subject:** Fw: 7202 Mineral Point Road  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 12:25:58 PM

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FYI

These two women are the two other comments in opposition. Both live in Tamarack (the Condominium Association that I live in) north of the project. They are very fond of Old Chicago, and they don't want it to change. I do not agree with their objections.

Take care. Good luck. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Paul Skidmore, 9th District Alder  
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**From:** Bonnie Ackerman  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** Janet F Hirsch  
**Cc:** Paul Skidmore

Hi Janet,

Good going!

> On Apr 17, 2015, at 3:59 PM, Janet F Hirsch [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Dear Paul:

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> I take issue with your approval of the demolition and new construction at 7202 Mineral Point Road.

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> While there is nothing wrong with the design of the new restaurant, I am greatly concerned about the amount of traffic that will be generated. The intersection of Mineral Point Road and Westfield is already a challenge when attempting to return home.

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> This restaurant would be the only drive-through facility that has direct access to and from Mineral Point Road. Ditto for Gammon Road. All of the existing grab and go restaurants in the area are accessed from within a larger parking lot or from a secondary street...Chick-Fil-A, McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Starbuck's.

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> Old Chicago has served the neighborhood well as a destination for many Tamarack residents. It is one of the few restaurants available to Tamarack residents that do not require traversing Mineral Point Road.

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> I ask you to resubmit your comments to the Planning Commission.

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> Janet

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> Janet Hirsch

> [REDACTED] Cedar Creek Trail

> Madison, WI 53717

> [REDACTED]

Work Phone:

Message:

To the Honorable Alderman Paul Skidmore,

I am writing to oppose the construction of a Culver's at the location of the current Old Chicago on Mineral Point Road. I approach this from being a fan of both companies. But ultimately, it stems from my concerns with the traffic surrounding West Towne Mall, especially on Mineral Point Road.

The traffic on Mineral Point Road is already dense, especially around rush hour. The egress directly onto Mineral Point Road is especially challenging, since drivers can only turn right. Those that want to go east on Mineral Point may be confused.

Another concern is related to cycling. There is currently a cycling lane on the right. Many drivers do not pay attention to cyclists, even in Madison. Inattentive drivers turning west on Mineral Point may hit cyclists and pedestrians.

Finally, Old Chicago in Madison, despite being a national chain, has actually become a social and cultural location for a number of people to get together. The restaurant attracts families, employees, and neighbors. I personally have made a number of friends while visiting the restaurant. My friends range from coaches, IT employees, nurses, pharmacists, radio disc jockeys, meteorologists, accountants, cyclists, attorneys, and musicians. Without such a venue, I probably wouldn't have met so many great people. Old Chicago on Mineral Point Rd serves as a neighborhood bar, providing so many people a chance to interact with each other and grow this community. Based on my experience with dining at Culver's, I don't see the same thing occurring.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Plan Commission meeting on Monday, April 20. However, I would appreciate if you take this letter into consideration before that hearing as my opposition to the plan to construct a Culver's at that location.

**From:** Skidmore, Paul  
**To:** stevedatka@culvers.com;  
**cc:** Stouder, Heather;  
**Subject:** Fw: Culver"s on Mineral Point Rd  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015 12:21:53 PM

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FYI

This is one of three constituent contacts that I have received regarding your project. I will forward the other two to you shortly.

I do not agree with any of the opposing arguments, and I am on record as supporting the proposed Culver's project. Were you able to address staff's request to shift the building on the site?

I did not plan to attend tonight's Plan Commission meeting, as I have family visiting from out of town. Please let me know if you think that my presence might be of benefit.

Take care. Good luck.

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**From:** Brian Shah  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2015 10:03 AM  
**To:** Paul Skidmore

General Information

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