

Why still the mystery about a Northside Commuter Lot for Lehigh U? (18)

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Gadfly did some research in the City Hall vaults for this follow-up message.

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Take #2

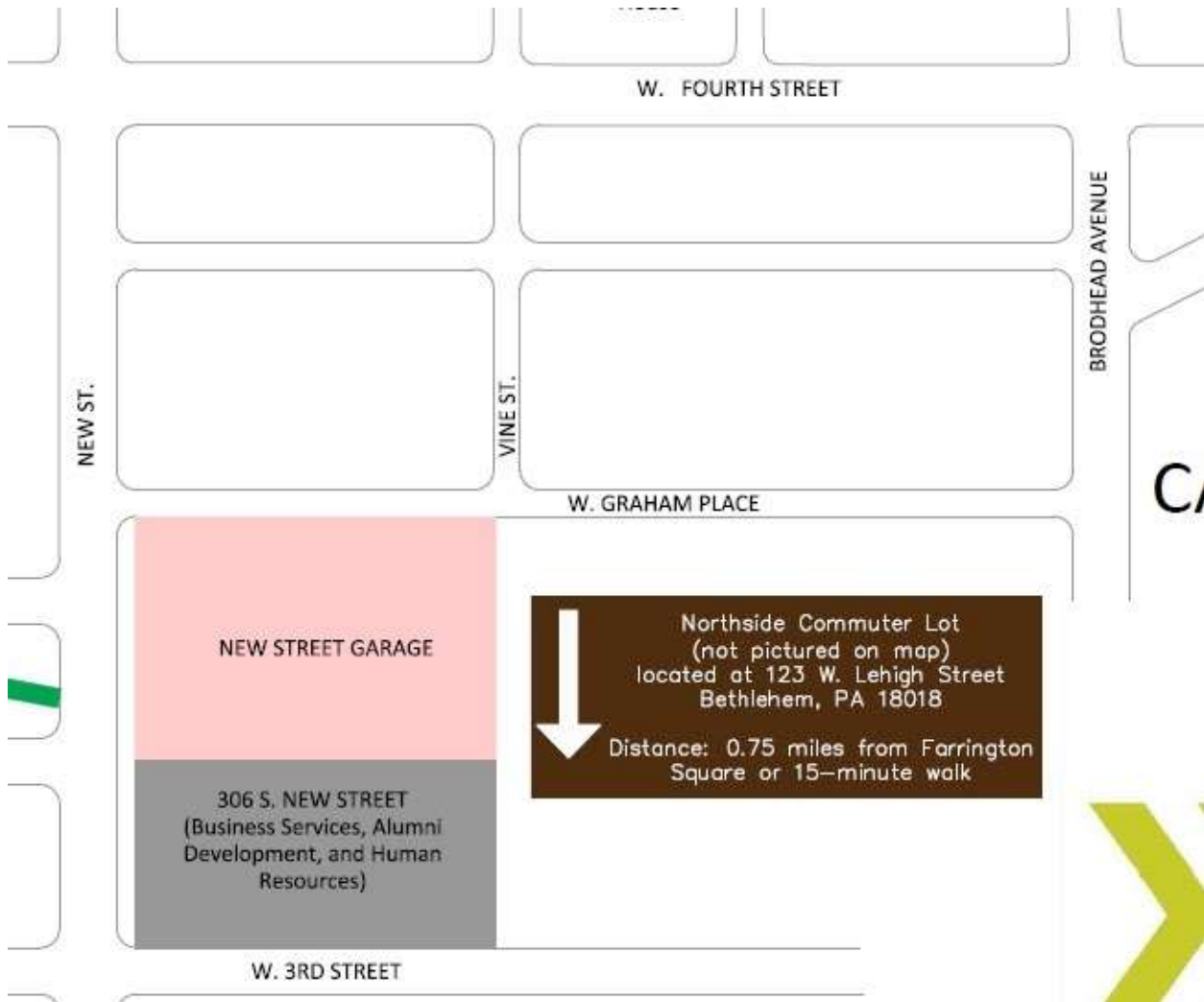
Brent, Darlene, and members of the Planning Commission (except Ms. Cohen, for whom I do not have a permissible email)

On 2/21 the Lehigh lawyer (sorry, I did not catch her name) “invited” me to look at the July 18, 2018, parking study submitted to the City.

I did. And, indeed, it has nary a mention of a Northside Commuter Lot. Which is consistent with the first testimony I heard from Lehigh when I inquired whether all lost parking spaces could be absorbed on campus. And was told they could.

So how does that square with the appearance of the off-campus Northside Lot on this document on the Lehigh web site and in conversations with Lehigh faculty and staff in the Fall when news of the parking changes was rolled out? See the [Northside Commuter Lot](#) mention on the lower right of this Campus Parking map.

In fact, here is a blow-up of that lower right corner of the map clearly showing the presence of the Northside Commuter Lot in the Lehigh parking plan:



Why before the Planning Commission is the existence of this lot not recognized?

The 2/21 Lehigh lawyer was careful to say that Lehigh has no lease for that lot. But she did not say that Lehigh wasn't using it.

Is Lehigh using that lot? Has that use been approved? Why the mystery?

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