

Gadfly asks time before the Planning Commission today (22)

The Bethlehem Gadfly Gadfly's posts, Lehigh University, Serious Issues March 14, 2019

(22nd in a series of posts on Lehigh University)

Thursday, March 14

Brent, Darlene, and members of the Planning Commission (except Ms. Cohen, for whom I do not have a permissible email). Lawyer Durso has been copied through her firm's web site.

Good People:

Take #5

I understand that the Wind Creek Sign Waiver Request is on the agenda for today — apparently a visible sign that the long-awaited casino transfer is near. Exciting times. Great.

I didn't hear that the Lehigh matter would be added to the agenda, but then again I see that I didn't ask for notice so that I could prepare if it were possible for me to make a presentation. Let me ask now. Is it possible that we can re-visit 124 E. Morton today? Can I be recognized?

As more evidence that something is amiss in seeming City and Lehigh professed ignorance of this off-campus parking option before the PC: in an Oct./Nov. "additional FAQ's" document, Lehigh answered these questions regarding the "Northside Commuter Lot" from concerned members on campus.

- 1) "Will there be a bike share location available at the North lot?" (You will remember that I believe it was Lawyer Durso at the very end of the 2/21 meeting who emphasized bikes as part of the solution in relation to the questions I raised. But the answer was no help from bikes here.)
- 2) "Will the North Lot shuttle schedule be expanded over time to accommodate people who work outside the designated hours?"
- 3) "How long will the wait be for the North Lot shuttle?"
- 4) "If the Commuter lot option is selected, where will staff park during Musikfest, Celtic Fest . . . ?"

Can there be any doubt that the Northside Commuter Lot is a definite part of the Lehigh parking plan though it was not included in their parking study presented to the City?

I remind you that Lehigh has announced plans to commence the first-come, first-served sign up system April 1, and on Feb. 26 the Lehigh representative announced to the Mayor's South Side Task Force that construction on 124 will begin in June.

Now is the time to get some inconsistencies straightened out.

I hope to hear from you about today's meeting.

- Ed Gallagher