

July 17, 2016

City of Farmers Branch Planning Department

Attn: Alexis Jackson

13000 William Dodson Parkway

Farmers Branch, TX 75234



RE: Opposition to Special Use Permit at 14400 Midway Road for Eagle Gun Range Inc.

Dear Alexis:

Please let this letter serve as our formal complaint to the Special Use Permit at 14400 Midway Road for Eagle Gun Range Inc. Kennington owns the recently renovated Midway Center directly north of the proposed gun range site. We believe the approval of this Special Use Permit will be detrimental to Midway Center for the following reasons:

1. Proximity to school age children concerns
Kennington recently signed a lease with a jiu jitsu studio named Machado Jiu Jitsu (<http://www.carlosmachado.net>). This tenant offers a number of after-school programs and summer camps for children. The site of this studio abuts the 14400 Midway property. Having small children myself, I am deeply concerned about the proximity of a gun range around so many school-age children.
2. Parking concerns
Based on the information packet provided by Mr. David Prince, the President of Eagle Gun Range Inc., there is an anticipated 90,000 customer visits per year. Given the current use of the site, I have concerns that these customers will overload the parking and attempt to park in my parking lot. I am not equipped to manage the towing efforts that will be required to manage my expectation of overparking at Midway Center.
3. Eastside Comprehensive Plan concerns
Finally, having educated myself on the city initiatives for the Eastside Comprehensive Plan, the use of this site as a gun range does not mirror the initiatives of this plan. While I am sure there are other areas that would accommodate a use such as this, the Eastside area does not, and it is a concern of mine that there might be a deviation from this plan. Kennington has invested over \$1 million in renovations to the Midway Centerfaçade that will mirror this Eastside Plan.

Mr. John Marlowe or myself are more than available to discuss further this planning concern of Kennington. We can be reached at 214-599-9996.

Sincerely,


Clayton Kennington

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Dear Westwood Friend,

As you are aware, last year Westwood fought the Special Use Permit for Legends Gun Range to build an indoor gun range one building away from our Lower School campus on Proton Road. We learned many lessons from that experience. One of which was to increase the school's presence in the City of Farmers Branch.

As a direct result, last week, eleven days prior to official notices being mailed, I received an email for a Farmers Branch city official that a Special Use Permit request for a separate gun range has been submitted to the city. The proposed Eagle Gun Range has selected a site at 14400 Midway Road. This site is north of our Upper School location separated by two buildings, Proton Road and an easement.

While the school administration still holds the position that any gun range should be properly zoned away from any school, office/retail and or residential area, this experience could not be more different from our previous experience. Not only have we already been notified by the City of Farmers Branch, I have also met with the Gun Range owners, David and Nanci Prince. The couple currently owns and operates Eagle Gun Range at 491 W Valley Ridge Blvd. in Lewisville. Mr. Prince has invited anyone to come visit his current operation unannounced or call to make an appointment for a behind the scenes tour.

Given the distance and lack of visibility from our Upper School Campus and this proposed site, Westwood school administration does not feel as though Eagle Gun Range poses any safety or adverse financial detriment to our school. The Planning and Zoning meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, July 25th. If the P & Z passes this proposal, the City Council meeting will be scheduled for August 16th. Our Director of Operations, Pete Abene, will be speaking at the Planning and Zoning meeting on behalf of The Westwood School administration.

I have attached the information packet, detailing Mr. Prince's plans with this email. The purpose of this email is to notify all interested parties who so graciously supported our school during last year's incident including area real estate owners, The Greenhill School, The Town of Addison and any other concerned citizens of this new development.

I will at school for the remainder of this week and then will be unavailable at the end of July. Mr. Abene can answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone whom you think would be interested. I do not have a full list of all the people who assisted us and/or spoke on our behalf.

My top priority at all times is the safety of our Westwood students. We will be notifying our school community next week of these new developments and will keep everyone interested informed during the process. Again, many thanks for your support of Westwood.

Sincerely,
Heather Lourcey
Head of School

Andreea D. Udrea

From: Bill Edwards <bill@cruiseescapes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 3:13 PM
To: Andreea D. Udrea
Subject: Eagle Gun Range Special Use Permit at 14400 Midway Rd.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my extreme opposition to the proposed Eagle Gun Range at 14400 Midway Road. Philosophically I am opposed to gun ownership by the public and it is not the kind of business we want on Midway Road with so many schools nearby.
Please put me on record as against this proposed zoning change request.

Thank you.

Bill Edwards

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