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Hello Cofa,

Apologies that I am not able to make this assembly in person. My hope is that you will consider the concerns of my family and the neighborhood.

Our concern is with the application for A - 2024-082 - 361 Westmeadow Drive. Although I can appreciate the want to be able to install a pool on their property, I believe that it creates several major issues - most notably danger.

1. Traffic Safety: This corner is already dangerous due to the high speed of vehicles. The addition of a pool in your front yard could obstruct visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. Cars coming around the bend may not see children or pets near the pool until it's too late, increasing the risk of accidents. There have been several instances where cars will be going over 50 KM/Hour around the corner; which is already an issue. By obstructing the corner further by installing a fence, and with the street being heavily populated with parked cars on both sides, it exponentially increases the chances for a head-on collision due to lack of visibility.
2. Increased Risk for Pedestrians: As you may know, many people cross this corner, especially children heading to the nearby park. We've already had close calls where pedestrians nearly got hit by speeding cars. A pool would further hinder visibility, making this situation even more perilous. As well, the attraction of a pool in the front lawn will prompt for further crossing at the corner, creating more risk for people.
3. Property Values and Aesthetic Concerns: A pool in the front yard does not align with the neighborhood and could affect property values. Many homeowners prefer the appearance of front yards that are landscaped rather than used for recreational purposes. There are also city codes that will mandate how far back a fence line must be from the sidewalk and height. In order to meet these codes, it will impact the quality of the project value, and therefore, the houses around as well.
4. Noise and Activity Levels: Pools often lead to increased noise and activity, which could disrupt the peace of our neighborhood. The sounds of splashing, music, and gatherings might not be conducive to a quiet, family-friendly environment. These noises are perfectly fine within the confines of a backyard, which is why pools are zoned to be there.

For the safety of pedestrians, the preservation of our neighborhood's character, and the overall well-being of our community, I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Thank you,

Brendan Alexander