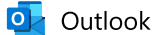


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City Council Comment received from Claudia Davis

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Date Fri 1/3/2025 8:42 AM

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C Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

C 1.

Position:

In opposition

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

I oppose the abandonment of Stevenson Street , a public street, to a private entity for its own use. This restricts public access between First and Second. Encouraging private, restricted use of the parking spaces is contrary to the concept of Public Use. Please do not approve this proposal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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Yes

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C.1 Stevenson Abandonment

From Father Chuck Durante <fr.chuck@stacathedral.com>
Date Mon 1/6/2025 2:43 PM
To Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>
Cc Kathleen Taylor <kmtaylor343@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor Schieve and City Council:

I am sorry that I cannot attend this Wednesday's meeting in person. My former finance manager at the parish passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly and I will be assisting at the funeral up in Minot, North Dakota at this same time. Therefore, please accept these comments, which I would like included in public comment, about the upcoming discussion on the abandonment of Stevenson Street. If possible, I ask that it be read into the record.

On behalf of the Cathedral parish, at its present site since 1907, and myself, as a private, lifelong citizen and resident of Reno in this neighborhood, I stand opposed to the abandonment of Stevenson Street. I incorporate here by reference my letter sent in October in opposition as well as notes via email to Ms. Leah Piccotti, which were included as Exhibit I to the staff report. While I fully support a reconfiguration that would allow more parking, I respectfully disagree with the staff conclusion that this only can be accomplished by privatization and the permanent abandonment of the street, which is also part of the Powning District. My opposition is grounded on at least two points.

First, I believe that it is the responsibility of the city to modify the street for the good of all without giving up more property to private business. You will recall the loss of the large city parking lot on 2nd Street, also to private business - which is now seeking to build a huge, private stadium. While staff's proposal allows some parking places to "remain public", more than double an additional number of spaces will be administered differently by the property owners and it appears that the tenants of the extant apartments and those to be built in the future, will be able to get priority. I would like to add, as an aside, that for the last several weeks almost every day, garbage from the tenants of Mod II is piled in the public alley between it and my office because the door remains locked to its disposal room. How will the care of the street be maintained? The city will have no ability to enforce anything if the property is privately owned.

Secondly, even as the street stands now, there is room for 30 parallel parking spaces. The proposal for abandonment would provide 22 spaces for "public use", 8 spaces less than if nothing were done. If the city would reconfigure the spaces perpendicular to the sidewalk, we would easily double what is there now.

I believe that these grounds for opposition show that abandoning Stevenson Street would materially injure the interests of the city and its current citizens and request that, at a minimum, this matter be continued to allow all the parties concerned to work out a plan acceptable to all that would keep the property within city control and authority. Ideally, the city would authorize a study to show what the cost would actually be to make adjustments to allow more parking available to everyone - including those newly built apartments that come late to the neighborhood - without limiting access to surrounding entities or the many visitors who come to the river.

I am happy to discuss this matter further and very much appreciate your open consideration.

Sincerely,
Fr. Chuck Durante
Rector
St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral
Reno, Nevada



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City Council Comment received from Richard Grefrath

From Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

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C1 Abandonment of Stevenson Street.

Position:

In opposition

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I would like to voice my strong opposition to the proposed abandonment of Stevenson Street, as I did when this issue came up before in 2020. With the increase in traffic downtown resulting from the Jacob's Entertainment "Neon Line," as well as increasing downtown development generally, I feel that it would be foolhardy to abandon a downtown street that will become even more valuable in the motor vehicle infrastructure west of Virginia Street and south of West 4th Street, in the vicinity of the Neon Line. Additionally, Stevenson Street is a valuable link between heavily travelled W. 1st and W. 2nd Street, and will become even more valuable as traffic increases in the area over time. As a retired UNR faculty member who has observed many changes downtown over the past 42 years, I have seen numerous regrettable street abandonments, especially if the development project falls through and the street stays abandoned. For example, the development project which resulted in the abandonment of E. 1st Street between Lake Street and E. 2nd Street fell through, yet that abandoned street has stayed abandoned to this day, for whatever reasons, to the detriment of the downtown motor vehicle infrastructure. Thanks very much for considering my opinions, Richard Grefrath Richard W. Grefrath 635 Cardinal Way Reno, NV 89509 U.S.A. richard.grefrath@gmail.com (775) 742-0190

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