

Hi Neighbors,

As many of you know, Waldorf School is seeking to acquire City property in Sherwood Park to create a potential 34 space parking lot and modify the school's pickup and drop off traffic flow. The proposal is the subject of Ordinance No. 2026-109, which would authorize the permanent closure and sale of the decommissioned slip lane and the triangular green space along Brookland Parkway. The ordinance is scheduled to be heard at City Council's regularly scheduled meeting on September 28.

In preparation for this important decision, the Sherwood Park Government Affairs and Safety Committee conducted a survey of Sherwood Park households to better understand our community's views.

The survey results are now available here: [SPCA Survey Results](#).

Of the 268 households in Sherwood Park, 34% participated. While there were differing views on some aspects of the proposal, the results show several clear areas of concern:

- 54.8% of respondents disapprove of the school's current proposal.
- 71% are opposed to having parking along Brookland Parkway, although many would support selling only the decommissioned slip lane to improve traffic flow.
- 51.6% would be comfortable leaving the property as it is for now, allowing time to consider potential future uses. This could include safety or traffic improvements as we anticipate increased activity in the area from the VCU heart facility under construction on Robin Hood Road and the Diamond District development.

Overall, the survey suggests that a majority of those who responded do not support selling the triangular green space to Waldorf for the construction of a potential 34 space parking lot in our neighborhood. There appears to be considerably more support for alternatives that would preserve the green space while potentially addressing traffic flow and safety concerns.

The survey results have been shared with our Council representative, Councilwoman Kenya Gibson, who represents Sherwood Park. Although she has already received the results, Councilwoman Gibson requested that we come together as a community on September 21 to further discuss the findings, the concerns raised by residents, and the proposed project. **This meeting will be held at Union Presbyterian Seminary, the Early Center at [1106 Westwood Ave](#) on Monday September 21st at 6:30 P.M.**

This meeting is an important opportunity to hear from one another and make sure our community's perspective is clearly understood before City Council considers Ordinance No. 2026-109 on September 28.

We would like for Councilwoman Gibson, as our Council representative, as well as the full City Council, to consider the wishes expressed by the majority of residents who participated in the survey, particularly the clear opposition to selling the green space to Waldorf for the proposed parking lot.

For those who may not be familiar with the options available to City Council, the Council could:

- Adopt: Approve the ordinance as written, which requires at least five affirmative votes.
- Reject: Vote against the ordinance. It would fail if it does not receive the required five favorable votes.
- Defer: Postpone consideration or a final vote until a future meeting, allowing additional time for community feedback, unanswered questions, or additional information.
- Amend: Modify the language or provisions of the ordinance before taking a final vote on the amended version.
- Refer or recommit: Send the item back to a specific standing committee for further consideration.

If you are able, please plan to attend the September 21 meeting. Your participation matters, particularly if you completed the survey and want your voice to be part of the conversation before the September 28 City Council meeting.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Sherwood Park Civic Association Government Affairs and Safety Committee