



Community Development  
Department

# Memo

DATE: October 11, 2022  
TO: Planning Commission  
FROM: Ben Jarvis, AICP, Interim Senior Planner  
RE: Additional Documents, Item No. 3, Public Hearing – 2140  
Huntington Drive (Project No. 2456 CUP-DRX- TRP)

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The attached written comments were received by 12:00 p.m. on October 11, 2022, and are attached for your information.

**From:** [Le T. Quach](#)  
**To:** [PlanningComments](#)  
**Subject:** Project No. 2456 CUP-DRX-TRP  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:47:49 AM

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Address: 2140 Huntington Drive

To Whom It May Concern:

For your consideration with respect to the CUP and design review for the addition to an existing veterinary hospital, we ask that the commission include parking requirements sufficient for the veterinary hospital's staff and customers. Currently, the veterinary staff utilizes residential parking in and around the street, La Senda Place. Although the staff is generally considerate, it does create limited residential parking for residents and their guests on La Senda Place, which includes multi-family units as well as single family homes.

In addition, with the proposed request for extended hours of operation, please include in the design review and CUP adequate parking requirements for staff and customers given those proposed extended hours as this will also impact the surrounding neighborhoods' residential parking and perhaps encourage additional traffic flow on generally quiet residential streets in and around the veterinary hospital. We appreciate the veterinary hospital being a good neighbor and request that the above minimum parking requirements for a Commercial General zoned building be included in the final design review approval with no reduction to minimum parking requirements.

Thank you,  
Le T. Quach

**From:** [Alex Amatuzio](#)  
**To:** [PlanningComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Alex Amatuzio](#)  
**Subject:** Vet Villa hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:21:34 AM

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My name is Alex Amatuzio.

Please take into consideration the parking problems and added traffic to an already congested and noisy intersection. Operating 24/7 will only make it worse. Is there any plans to address the parking problem? Don't see how you can green light this project without this being an integral part of the plans.

I live on Huntington Dr just west of Vet Villa. Their employees don't park on their property, they take most of the parking on Huntington every day, and a number of spots on La Senda as well. We never get the street cleaned on Wednesday because the entire block is always occupied by the time street sweepers come by, they just simply ignore the entire block! There's a empty lot behind the Vet that could be utilized for their parking needs. I think it belongs to the YMCA, maybe the Vet can make an arrangement with them. The Vet is a good neighbor but the parking problem has never been adequately addressed. The residents should not have to park blocks away from where they reside.

Thank You.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Josh Albrektson](#)  
**To:** [PlanningComments](#)  
**Subject:** Planning commission, Item 3  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:22:04 AM

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My first son Spartacus is a long time customer of Vet Villa. About a year ago he had a problem where he jumped off the couch and screamed. He was breathing heavily. At midnight I decided he needed to go to a pet ER.

I called every ER within 15 miles and every one of them had 8 hour waits. I finally found one in Long Beach that had a 2 hour wait. I went there and found out at 3 AM that Spartacus was fine but just hurt his back.

We have a need for 24 vet services and I support this expansion.

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Josh Albrektson MD  
Neuroradiologist by night  
Crime fighter by day

**From:** [Jillian Neary](#)  
**To:** [PlanningComments](#)  
**Subject:** Project 2456 CUP-DRX-TRP  
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Vet Villa is my vet and they are fantastic - it's not a surprise to me that they find the need to expand. I support them and the endeavor, but would like to know if and how parking needs and/or traffic and parking overnight have been considered. Street parking along La Senda (I live at 1713 La Senda), especially the south half, is already constrained for use by residents and their visitors.

Parking on-site is already very limited and cramped, and routes of ingress and egress from this location can be difficult. The staff parks along the far north end of La Senda which I don't mind but demonstrates that arguably there is not enough existing parking. With on-site expansion, available parking will be further limited. I don't think the north end of La Senda would notice anything but I think it's possible that the southern portion could see increased traffic and parking. Or possibly parking at the adjacent businesses. There isn't a lot of other parking except along the north side of Huntington.

I'm not opposing this project but want to highlight what I think is a big issue. I find it ironic that the perfect solution sits adjacent to the vet - the vacant, blighted, sometimes trash filled lot the Y owns and uses for NOTHING except selling overpriced xmas trees for 1 month out of the year. Of course as it is privately owned there is nothing to do if they won't, and likely wouldn't, sell to Vet Villa. They wouldn't convert it to parking to solve their own issue in this regard so I doubt they will be any better of a neighbor in this.

Warmly, Jillian Neary  
1713 La Senda Place