

TO: OKC PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
FROM: DAVID R. CHIVER  
4905 INKESHOPE DR.  
OKC, OKLAHOMA 73120  
405 630 0290

SUBJECT: The Lake Hefner Parkway SCENIC  
CORRIDOR

DEAR COMMISSION MEMBERS,  
WITH THE GOAL BEING FOR ALL PEOPLE ON  
EARTH TO HAVE THEIR BEST CHANCE TO LIVE A LONG  
LIFE, ENJOY ALL OF LIFE'S GREAT ADVENTURES  
INCLUDING A BIRTH, HERE WE ARE, WE HAVE ARRIVED  
& OUR PRESCHOOL YEARS & OUR SCHOOL YEARS &  
ROMANCE & TRUE LOVE & FAMILY & OUR CAREER  
YEARS & OUR RETIREMENT YEARS & AN HONORABLE  
FINAL EXIT, WE COULD PLACE ON THE BEAUTIFUL  
EAST SHORE OF LAKE HEFNER, THIS VISION OF  
VIRTUE THAT THE STORMS OF TIME WOULD NEVER  
DESTROY --- 7 GOLDEN GUARDIAN ANGELS (WHITE,  
BLACK, HISPANIC, TWINS, ASIANS, MIDDLE EASTERN,  
MULTI-RACIAL) WHO PER ALL OF THE VARIOUS HOLY  
BOOKS HAVE HEARD OUR BILLIONS OF PRAYERS AND  
HAVE DESCENDED TO PRAY FOR "THE BETTERMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH, BODY AND MIND":

WHY ANGELS? MENTIONED HUNDREDS OF TIMES  
IN THE HOLY BOOKS, THEY ARE UNIVERSAL AND  
ETERNAL SYMBOLS OF BEAUTY, LOVE, PEACE,  
PURITY OF HEART, PROTECTING, GUARDING AND GRACE.  
MOST PEOPLE ON EARTH, RELIGIOUS AND NON  
RELIGIOUS BELIEVE THEY EXIST. ANGELS HAVE

MORE CREDENCE THAN ASTROLOGY,  
REINCARNATION AND HELL. PLACE THIS VISION  
OF ANGELS AND THEIR PRAYER ON LINE TO  
SERVE AS A GLOBAL CHEMISTRY HOUSE FOR MANY  
AS WAYS TO CONQUER ALL OF EARTH'S BURDEN  
AND DEATH PROBLEMS. THIS MISSION SHOULD  
BE RUN 100% BY VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE  
COMMITTED TO A BETTER WORLD.

A BELL TOWER AND A NATURALISTIC  
GARDEN NEAR THEM WOULD BE A GREAT  
ATTRACTION FOR PEOPLE VISITING IN PERSON OR  
ON LINE. WITH BILLIONS OF PEOPLE BELIEVING  
IN ANGELS, THIS VISION WOULD BECOME A  
TURIST ATTRACTION. ALL WHO SEE IT WOULD GAIN  
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. THERE WOULD BE LESS DEPRESSION  
AND FEWER SUICIDES WORLD WIDE. THE GOALS  
WOULD INCLUDE PUTTING MORE FOCUS ON CONQUERING  
CAUSES HEART DISEASE, ALZHEIMERS, AND CANCER  
AND ? . PEOPLE ARE DYING TO FAST! WE CAN CHANGE  
THAT! TON FULL OF PROOF AVAILABLE!

Respectfully \*DAVID R. OLIVER  
9905 LAKE SHORE DR  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
73120

405 6300290  
\* CARE TAKER FOR ONE OF EARTH'S  
50 MILLION ALZHEIMERS  
PATIENTS

ALSO: The canal on the east side of the Lake Hetzer parkway has in the past been a pathway for millions of monarch butterflies flying from the north to the south in late September and/or early October. I was in my backyard during their migration and watched them. As far as I could see in both directions they were in a round group about 20 feet wide. Some stopped for a drink and some nectar in my yard, where I have a lot of wildflowers. Perhaps you could sow wildflowers on the west bank of the canal (east side of the Lake Hetzer parkway).

ALSO: Have you considered a speed limit of 55 mph on the parkway. That should result in fewer accidents. Drive ALIVE AT 55.

ALSO: Raising blackbirds, ducks and cranes like this area. I get a lot of them in my yard. They like the corn and sunflower seeds.

Letter to the editor

5/6/2024.

HELP WANTED!  
"Life is beautiful" VS "Life is hell now  
Then you die"

We Need A.S.A.P. A DETAILED GAME  
PLAN ON how best to Achieve "Life is  
beautiful" FOR everybody.

TO GET THIS MISSION STARTED, Newspaper  
people could ASK THEIR READERS for THEIR IDEAS  
for a game plan. THOSE IDEAS SHOULD INCLUDE,  
but NOT be LIMITED to what needs to be done TO  
ENSURE THAT ALL People have THEIR best chance TO  
enjoy a long life, enjoy all of life's GREAT  
ADVENTURES INCLUDING \* BIRTH, here we are, we  
have ARRIVED \* OUR PRESCHOOL years \* OUR SCHOOL  
years \* Romance \* TRUE Love \* family \* OUR  
CAREER years \* OUR RETIREMENT years \* AN  
honorable final exit - AND DO SO WITH A HEALTHY  
body AND MIND.

Complex systems called CIVILIZATION  
began IN THE 5<sup>th</sup> millennium B.C.. THAT would be  
about 7000 years ago. we have billions of years  
ahead of us.

Problems we need TO conquer include, but  
are NOT limited TO poor leadership, ADDICTIONS  
(Cigarettes, Drugs, Alcohol), OBESITY (our #1 now cause of  
DEATH), DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ALZHEIMER, CANCER,  
HEART DISEASE, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND?

THANKS FOR  
YOUR TIME

\* DAVID R. OLIVER

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\* CAREGIVER for one of earth's 50 million  
ALZHEIMER PATIENTS.

Respectfully Dedicated to the REV. LESLIE CLARE MANCHESTER  
To Whom I'm Indebted For This Beautiful Idea.

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# Do THE ROSES BLOOM IN HEAVEN?

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ANSWERS  
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ALL PRICES?



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Ann Arbor, Mich.



Water  
Garden  
Tour Begins  
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PAT'S  
DAVID  
OLIVER  
I GOT THE IDEA FOR THE DECK BY  
REARVING THE KNIFE BARNS HOUSE IN SPAINWALL

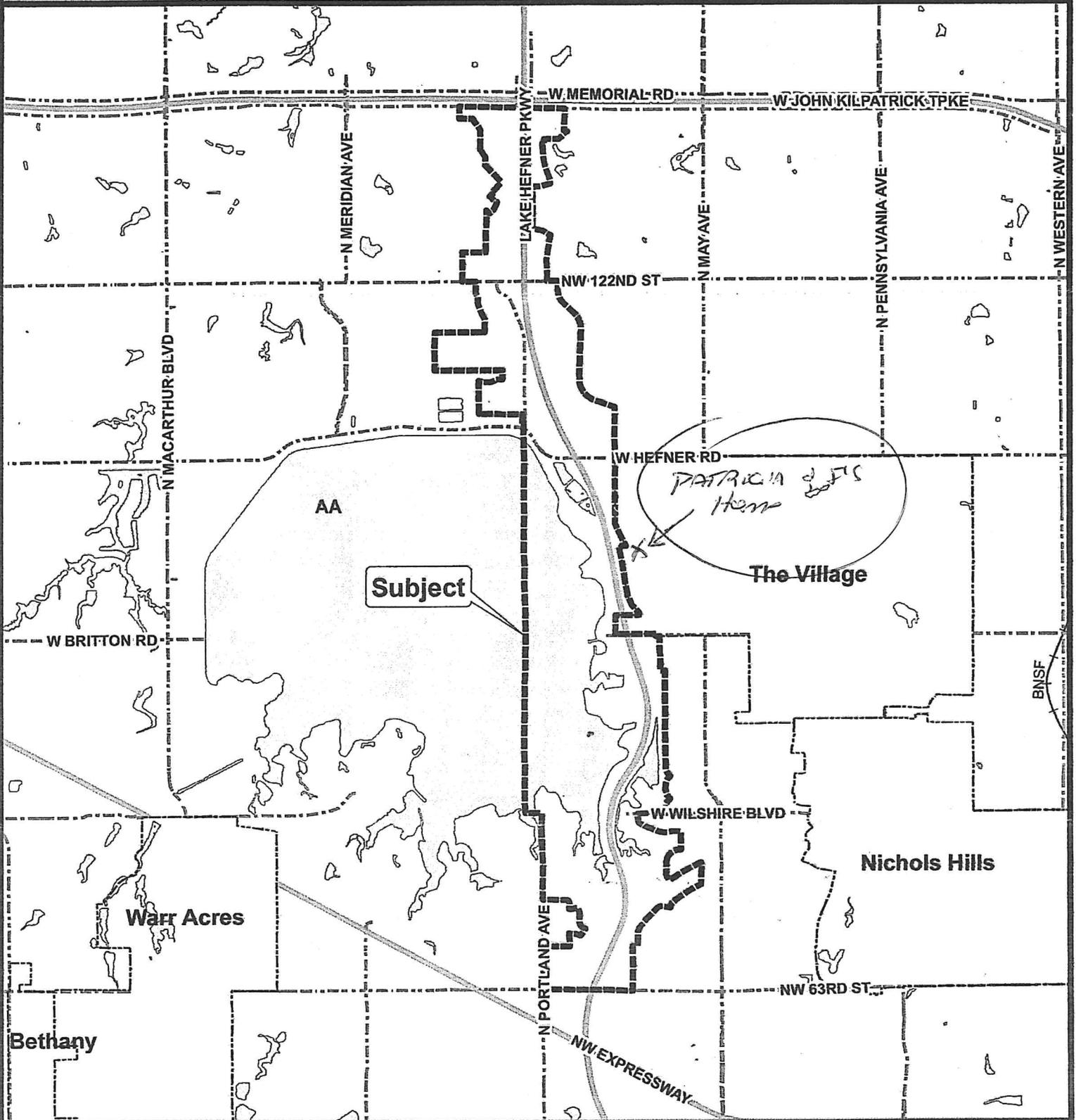
I HAD PICKED THOSE ROCKS FOR  
PAT AND DAVID OLIVER  
MAY 1952

Case No: PC-10932

Applicant: The City of Oklahoma City

Proposed: Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor

Location: Along Hefner Parkway between NW 63rd St. to W. Memorial Rd.



The City of  
OKLAHOMA CITY

# Rezoning Application



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Attention: Director in charge  
Oklahoma City Planning Department  
Subdivision & Zoning Office  
420 West Main Street, Suite 910  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

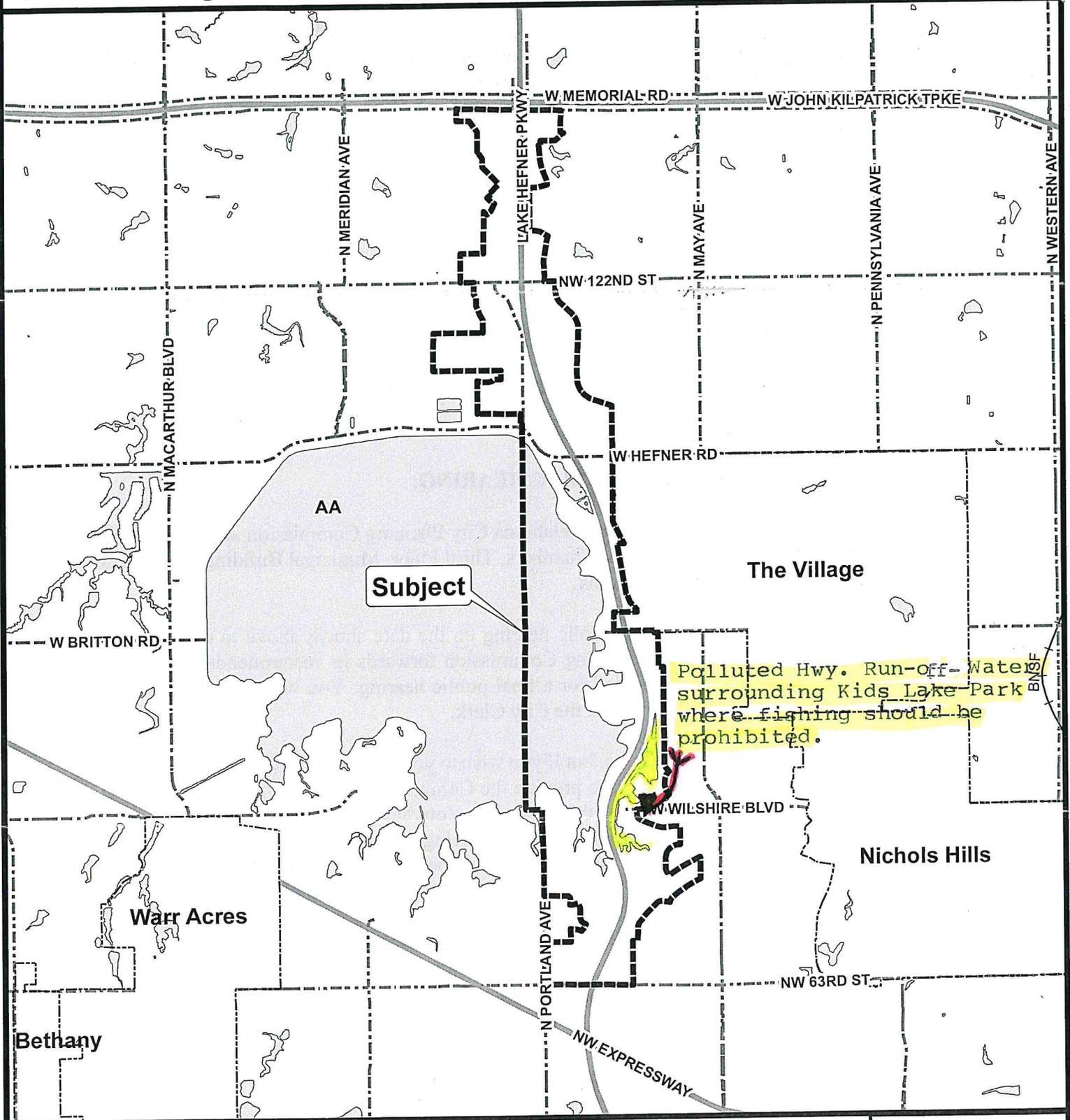
Dear Sir:

THE MOST IMPORTANT 1<sup>st</sup> STEP FOCUS for the LAKE HEFNER SCENIC PARKWAY CORRIDOR PROPOSAL s-h-o-u-l-d be, the thousands of car-exhausts that are polluting the breathing air, & drinking water from this area with carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen oxide, & sulfur oxide as risks for serious health threats such as pneumonia, asthma, bronchitis, lung, heart, liver, neurological problems, different types of cancer, & more.

Years ago, & now missing, there used to be a warning sign, posted re the contaminated fish, (on the highway's E. side, which is technically highway run-off, instead of a pristine creek or fishing lake). Obviously, the safety of the City's residents should 1<sup>st</sup> take precedence over any beautification proposal, since the recreational use of this area should NOT be encouraged, like the threat to children from the location of Kid's Lake Park.

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## Philbrick, Michael A

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**From:** PL, Subdivision and Zoning  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 9:03 AM  
**To:** Philbrick, Michael A  
**Subject:** FW: Lake Hefner Parkway scenic corridor

[david.cunningham1@okc.gov](mailto:david.cunningham1@okc.gov)

Subdivision and Zoning Tech II  
Work 405.297.2519  
420 W Main St. 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

**From:** Gary Morrissey <g.morrissey@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 9:56 AM  
**To:** PL, Subdivision and Zoning <Subdivisionandzoning@okc.gov>  
**Subject:** Lake Hefner Parkway scenic corridor

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Gentlemen: Please be advised I am in favor of the corridor and wish there to be no billboards ever installed thereon.  
Thank you. Gary L. Morrissey

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kathy Morrissey <katnappin66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 9:33 AM  
**To:** PL, Subdivision and Zoning <Subdivisionandzoning@okc.gov>  
**Subject:** Hefner parkway scenic corridor

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Gentlemen... I am 100% in favor of scenic corridor for lake Hefner parkway. It is a beautiful drive seeing the lake and there should never be billboards of any kind along this area. Thank you  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** bavarian2 <bavarian2@sbcglobal.net>  
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For the record, I am all for prohibiting billboards along the Hefner Parkway. I didn't realize this might potentially become an issue as in the 30 plus years I have been living next to it I don't recall ever seeing a billboard in the area being discussed.

In addition to prohibiting billboards along the Hefner Parkway, what other restrictions come or are being contemplated with being a "scenic corridor"?

What is the reason for including a large portion of the Edgewater residential addition as far west as Portland Ave? Surely billboards are already prohibited from being erected in residential neighborhoods.

Looking forward to hear back from you.

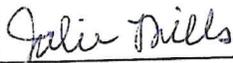
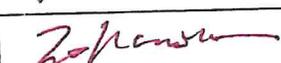
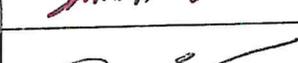
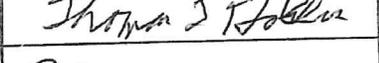
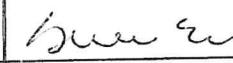
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3420 NW 69th St

City of Oklahoma City  
 PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
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 420 W. Main, Suite 910  
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Case Number PC-10932  
 RE: Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor

To Members of the Planning Commission:

The undersigned residents SUPPORT establishing the Corridor to prohibit Billboards along the Lake Hefner Parkway. Our homes are within the affected boundaries. We contend Billboards would aesthetically diminish the view of Lake Hefner and disrupt the peaceful walking trails, park areas and fishing ponds maintained by the City and enjoyed by the citizens. The advertising could serve as a distraction to drivers as well. We appreciate the efforts of the Planning Commission to recommend this amendment to City Council for the Corridor.

<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Julie Mills	9001 Lakehurst Ave	
JOSEPH HENSON	8901 Lakehurst Dr.	
MARIA CHANG	"	
Zachary Henson	"	
Samantha Henson	"	
Bayley Staley	8117 Lakehurst Dr.	
Thomas J. Hollis	8417 Lakehurst	
Harold D. Watson	8409 Lakehurst	
Susan Edwards		
Derek & Rachel Kopacz	8909 Lakehurst	
Joel Kelly	3505 NW 64th St	
CHRISTINE TERRIER	7924 LAKEHURST DR	

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<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Gayla Kelly	8025 Lakehurst Dr.	Gayla Kelly
Ed Kaiser	8109 Lakehurst Dr	Ed Kaiser
MIKE FERGISON	7917 LAKEHURST	Mike Ferguson
CHRISTY CARSON	7917 LAKEHURST	Christy Carson
Julia B Soulsby	7913 Lakehurst Dr	Julia B Soulsby
zeb sandt	7903 Lakehurst	Zeb Sandt
Marian Brown	7901 Lakehurst Dr	Marian Brown
Katherine Dickey	7900 Lakehurst	K. Dickey
JOSEPH Buss	7904 Lakehurst Dr	Joseph Buss
Sydney Dye	428 NW46th Terr	Sydney Dye
Lawrence Knous	7912 Lakehurst St	Lawrence Knous
Virginia Blank	7920 Lakehurst	Virginia Blank

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<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Rebecca A Zaikis	3401 NW 67 <sup>th</sup> OKla City, OK 73116	<i>Rebecca A. Zaikis</i>

## Philbrick, Michael A

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**Subject:** FW: Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor

**From:** Debbie Anglin <[danglin@anglinpr.com](mailto:danglin@anglinpr.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:33 PM  
**To:** PL, Subdivision and Zoning <[Subdivisionandzoning@okc.gov](mailto:Subdivisionandzoning@okc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor

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Dean Planning Commission,

I'm writing to express my **strong support** of the Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor and the ban on billboards in the area. I have several reasons.

I've lived in my home on the east side of Lake Hefner for 20 years and have enjoyed the neighborhood and surrounding parks almost daily. Living near Lake Hefner means my family and I often use the trails and parks; jogging over the bridge on Grand to get to Stars and Stripes Park, riding our bikes around the lake, watching little league games at the baseball park and eating at the restaurants on the east side of the lake. Maintaining a park-like setting in this area encourages fitness and the mental health benefits of being outdoors. I also enjoy the lake from the *east side* of Lake Hefner Parkway, since my neighborhood backs up to Kid Lake. From there, I've watched hundreds of sunsets and walked my dogs. It's peaceful at the end of a busy workday and I appreciate the unobstructed view of the lake and the sunset.

I also support the billboard ban because the traffic on Lake Hefner Parkway moves fast and billboards are a distraction by design. I own an advertising and PR firm and we design billboards to draw attention. Keeping billboards off Lake Hefner Parkway will help to keep the number of accidents lower.

Thank you for protecting our green spaces – it's a win for our health and wellness. Please share these sentiments with those who are interested in seeing residents' opinions.

Thank you,

Debbie Anglin  
8208 Lakehurst Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

## Philbrick, Michael A

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**From:** PL, Subdivision and Zoning  
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2024 10:21 AM  
**To:** Philbrick, Michael A  
**Subject:** FW: Case number PC-10932

Thad A. Johnson  
Senior Planner

Planning Department, Subdivision and Zoning  
420 West Main Street, Suite 910, OKC, OK 73102  
Ph: (405) 297-2495 – Fax: (405) 316-2495

-----Original Message-----

From: Joanna Hemenway <joanna.hemenway@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:11 AM  
To: PL, Subdivision and Zoning <Subdivisionandzoning@okc.gov>  
Subject: Case number PC-10932

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Hello,

As a resident of The Greens I would like to support the proposal to establish the Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor and prohibit billboards along said route.

Establishing the Lake Hefner Scenic Corridor could increase the value of homes and businesses along the route due to having a pleasant surrounding view, it could lower the stress of drivers due to calming surroundings, and possibly make the roads safer due to less distractions along the route.

Billboards are a problem, in my opinion, because they are designed to catch the drivers' attention, which should be on the road. They also ruin pleasant views that businesses and homes may have by being gaudy, bright, and big. I studied some advertising in college and the main focus is to be seen and be memorable, but that is a dangerous thing to have lining our roads. Driving by a lake is refreshing and helps people relax, whereas advertisements are designed specifically to draw attention and distract. Billboards are a danger to drivers.

It is easy to know what businesses are available in the area due to cell phone maps being readily available, or if someone wanted they could go down Memorial and find quite a variety of Oklahoma businesses. Billboards are an old way of advertising that is dangerous, distracting, and replaceable.

Having the Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor would be a benefit to both commercial and residential communities in this area.

Thank you,  
-Joanna Hemenway

City of Oklahoma City Planning Department, Subdivision & Zoning Office  
420 West Main Street, Suite 910  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
Re: Proposed Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a retired civil engineer who was heavily involved with numerous major highway, street and bridge projects in the OKC area over my career. One of my major career highlights was as Project Manager for the design of the Lake Hefner Parkway, from north of NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to north of Memorial Road.

From the beginning of the design effort, it was emphasized that this was to be a parkway, and not just another urban freeway. That meant special consideration to many factors, several of which were included in the Environmental Impact Statement for the project. In addition to creating an aesthetically pleasant drive, there were many environmental factors included in the design. A partial list is as follows:

- Aesthetically positive single-span bridges, with no center piers. including decorative abutments with areas for landscaping. These were well outside the norm of usual bridge design for other urban freeways.
- Relocation of the soccer fields previously located south of Hefner Road to a location north of the OKC Water Treatment Plant along Portland Ave., north of Hefner Road. This also allowed additional space for an expanded facility which sees heavy use even today.
- A unique drainage system that prevents runoff from the Parkway to Lake Hefner.
- Construction of a new wetlands area south of Hefner Road.
- Not utilizing noise attenuation walls along the adjacent neighborhoods, at the neighborhoods' request. This allowed them to maintain their views of the lake.
- Not providing roadway lighting, as would normally be included in this type of urban freeway. This element also honored the wishes of the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Provisions for landscaping at interchange locations. This has since been expanded to extensive landscaping throughout the parkway.

Naming the route as the Lake Hefner Parkway was done very purposefully. This is a parkway, not an ordinary urban highway, and was intended to provide an aesthetically pleasant drive through the Lake Hefner area. I have received many compliments over the years confirming that this goal has been accomplished. Creating a Scenic Corridor for this area prohibiting billboards is certainly consistent with the original project objectives.

Sincerely,



Jim Benson

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May 14, 2024

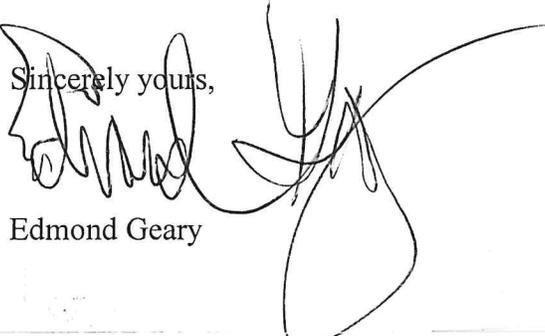
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Proposed Lake Hefner Parkway Scenic Corridor

Dear Sirs:

Please note my emphatic declaration IN FAVOR of the establishment of a scenic corridor along the proposed route of Lake Hefner Parkway. This is a declaration in favor of better quality of life. Lake Hefner Parkway should not be polluted with unsolicited insistence that we buy more soap and beer. It should remain a passageway without the visual pollution of billboards, a rarity in Oklahoma City.

Sincerely yours,



Edmond Geary

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cc: Councilman James Cooper