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Oklahoma City, OK 73142-4122

February 28, 2025

City Council
City of Oklahoma City
200 N. Walker
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Subject: special permit for the extension of scrapyard operations

Dear City Council,

Please do **not** approve the permit for extension of the Standard Iron & Metal Co. and Scrap Management Industries property & operations.

I completely agree with Interim Ward 7 Councilman Lee Cooper as he was quoted in The Oklahoman on February 26, 2025 in the article "Scrapyard uproar". Continually, I'm amazed that we have scrapyards in the downtown of a "first class" city and that our zoning of downtown has not progressed in 40 years.

Further, I continue to be embarrassed, appalled, and ashamed that our downtown area, including the John F. Kennedy Neighborhood, Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma Housing Authority, Red Earth and so many others, is subjected to the health-threatening & property-damaging environment that these scrapyard industries cause.

Extending this injustice is unimaginable to me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Gilmore Caffrey".

Mary Ann Gilmore Caffrey

cc: Debi Martin
Geoffrey Butler, Planning Director

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Subject: Case number SP -592 protest letter

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The City Council of Oklahoma City

March 21, 2025

We received a notice for a Special Permit Case #SP-592 to operate a Scrap Operation at 1315 East Reno Avenue. This area connects downtown Oklahoma City to the new Okana Resort Area. Millions have been spent to make the Okana Resort the next major attraction in Oklahoma City. We have no financial interest in Okana but we do own a 7 acre tract of land at 1600 E Reno directly across the river. Hotels are being built along Reno Avenue even as Oklahoma City continues to allow explosions to take place at these Scrap operations.

10 Questions to Consider

1. Is it prudent to have a scrap yard operation enlarged right in the center of the multimillion dollar recreational development consisting of the Bricktown area, the Boat House area, various river front activities, hotel venues, restaurants and the new Okana Resort.
2. Has the Planning Commission and the Oklahoma City Council investigated the environmental impact of the future expansion of the scrap yard operation?
3. Has the Planning Commission and the Oklahoma City Council take into consideration the cost of property damage to the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses due to the explosions that occur on a daily basis causing severe damage to homes and businesses. Also these explosions result in causing major fires on several occasions for years.
4. Why does it appear that some of the safety and environmental requirements are excluded in this permit?
5. Has the Planning Commission and the Oklahoma City Council considered the cost of cleaning up the debris scattered up and down this section of Reno Avenue?
6. Is the Planning Commission and City Council aware of the traffic jams caused by the inadequate flow of deliveries in and out of the scrap yards?
7. Has the Planning Commission and the Oklahoma City Council considered the unsightly Appearance of this major corridor that is the direct access to the multimillion dollar entertainment district of Oklahoma City
8. Has the Planning Commission and the Oklahoma City Council considered the need and cost of noise abatement for the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses? A inadequate wall has been built on the north side of the scrapyard but nothing has been done to alleviate the noise to all the businesses just south of the scrapyard yards.
9. Does the Planning Commission and the City Council realize the volume of traffic that uses Reno on a daily bases? This is a major route for many citizens and visitors to assess downtown Oklahoma City for Thunder games, the River sport area and the OU Health complex. When was the last time a traffic count was done in this area?
10. Has the Planning Commission and the Oklahoma City Council considered the long term impact of any future growth to the vital corridor of East Reno Avenue.

Please consider all of these questions before making a decision. We appreciate all the valuable assess of our community and are deeply concerned that this proposal of this special permit will diminish the value of not only Oklahoma City's beautiful entertainment area but also surrounding properties.

Sincerely ,

Concerned Citizens and local property owners
Charles and Elizabeth Lewis