

THE MCKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Dear Neighbor,

The Crossgates Mall proposal is now before the Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board's next meeting on Crossgates is on Wednesday, July 29, at the Middle School, Route 155, south of Western Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Zoning Board would like to hear from you about Crossgates. If you care about the future of our town, this is the time, perhaps the only time, to speak out on Crossgates.

How do you tell the Zoning Board how you feel?

1) You can call the Town's Zoning Coordinator, Paul Empie, 356-1980, and tell him or his staff how you feel and why. They keep track of the calls and enter them on the hearing record.

2) You can write the Board. The letter can go like this:

Town of Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals  
Town Hall  
Guilderland, NY 12084

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

I (favor) (oppose) (am concerned about) the Crossgates Mall proposal for the following reasons. [Then explain your reasons.]

Respectfully yours,  
[sign your name and address]

3) You can speak out at the meeting July 29. If you speak at the meeting, you may be limited to 3 minutes, but you may also submit a written statement of any length to the Board.

Here are the issues the Board must deal with. Your statement will be more effective if you can tie your feelings in with the following issues:

Crossgates has requested a variance so that they can put in 3000 fewer parking spaces than the Zoning Law allows. The Board may determine that the granting of the variance is necessary for the reasonable use of the land and will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and that the variance is not a special privilege, is justified by special circumstances applying to the Crossgates project, and is not granted solely for reason of additional financial gain to the developer.

Crossgates needs a special use permit. The Board must determine that five conditions are satisfied before it can grant a special use permit: 1) the project must be reasonably necessary or convenient to the public health, welfare or the economic or social benefit of the community; 2) water, sewer and transportation facilities are adequate to accommodate the project; 3) the project will create no undue traffic congestion; 4) the character of the neighborhood and the value of surrounding property are reasonably safeguarded; 5) the project complies with the Zoning Law.

Let the Zoning Board know your feelings about Crossgates. It may be your last chance.

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