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**JayDWood@aol.com** <JayDWood@aol.com>  
To: bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org

Thu, Jul 12, 2012 at 7:53 AM

I am a resident of Farrington subdivision and am asking you to vote NO on 6-A-12-UR. It is only 4 miles from Northshore to Kingston Pike, Weigel's currently have 3 locations on Ebenezer Road, do we really need another in this Residential area?  
Bonnie Woodard



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**Please vote no to agenda item 6-A-12-UR**

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**Jennifer Anderson** <jennikanderson1@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 12, 2012 at 7:01 AM

To: bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org

We Live in Laurens Glen Subdivision, at 1536 Laurens Glen Lane. We oppose commercial style cluttering on Ebenezer and would like to maintain a residential feel to our area.

Regards,  
Jennifer Anderson



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## 6-A-12-UR

1 message

joyce feld <jlfeld@gmail.com>  
To: bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org

Wed, Jul 11, 2012 at 8:36 PM

Dear Metropolitan Planning Commissioners,

I urge you to vote no on item 6-A-12-UR unless the applicant is willing to make several significant changes to their proposal. These changes include:

1. Installing one or two low monument signs instead of the proposed 34 foot sign
2. Modifications to the building and property design which would make the development similar to the Weigel's that has been built within the Choto development

This is a primarily residential area and the wishes of the surrounding residents should be honored and respected. The proposed signage and design will be an eyesore that will lower property values and are totally unnecessary.

Residents of our community are highly sensitive to these issues as evidenced by the recent outcry over signage in Sherrill Hill and the new Bearden Chick-Fil-A. They should not be ignored.

Thank you.

Joyce Feld  
President, Scenic Knoxville

- The neighborhoods surrounding this Weigel's are in an unfortunate position to have to ask the MPC Commissioners to vote no to a store we actually WANT, but just want with low signage and neighborhood styling.
- Negotiations have not resulted in any changes, although we are still hopeful that Mr. Weigel is open to them.
- I took photographs of every single sign on Ebenezer, and that even including the church sign that is about 40 feet tall (only 20 feet of it above grade) the mean height of signs is less than 8 feet and they are almost entirely monument signs.
- The neighborhood position is that the Weigel's Corporation has established two prototypes: one for General Commercial on highways and at interstate exits, and one for neighborhoods (Choto). We are not asking them to do anything unreasonable, and what we want is very much like what they have already established as the "neighborhood prototype."
- We are asking for darker roof and canopy color and preferably a more residential look to the canopy roof (no red neon stripe), because the corner of Westland/Ebenezer sits down in a "bowl" and there are many homes in Gettysvue that overlook it. That was not the case at Choto, which is on flatter ground.
- The Choto development did not allow the name "Weigel's" in red neon script on the building. We would not have a problem with "Weigel's" being on the store at this location as long as the neon stripe was removed from the canopy.
- I do not believe there would not be neighborhood opposition to two 7- to 8-foot monument signs... one at the entrance on Westland and one at the entrance on Ebenezer... since there is traffic approaching on both streets and two low, ground-lighted monuments would be far preferable to one tall, lighted pole sign on the corner.
- The neighbors see this as a great opportunity for Weigel's to establish a high standard for development on the rest of the plant nursery's Ebenezer frontage, which is all zoned planned commercial, not to set a precedent for tall, unnecessary signs.

- Almost all of the traffic here is local neighborhood traffic, and the customers will know the store is there before it even opens its doors.



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**Fwd: Please help us**

1 message

**Mark Donaldson** <mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org>

Wed, Jul 11, 2012 at 8:14 AM

To: Betty Jo Mahan &lt;bettyjo.mahan@knoxmpc.org&gt;, Buz Johnson &lt;Buz.Johnson@knoxmpc.org&gt;, Tom Brechko &lt;Tom.Brechko@knoxmpc.org&gt;

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From: **Steven Cobb** <steve@cobbdata.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 10, 2012 at 5:31 PM

Subject: Please help us

To: [mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mark.donaldson@knoxmpc.org)

Ms. Donaldson,

My name is Steven Cobb, and I live at 1109 Farrington Drive, which is approximately ½ mile from the proposed Weigels store at the corner of Westland and Ebenezer Roads. My Wife and I have lived in this community since 1979. I have watched the area grow from mostly farm land and a two lane road to numerous subdivisions and a busy 4 lane road. Thru all this the community has remained mostly homes, churches and a few professional offices. I have worried about our area becoming another Cedar Bluff. Cedar Bluff was once a beautiful area. It still is if you can get past the huge signage. When I drive Nubbins Ridge Road, at night, I can see the Cedar Bluff area. It is so brightly illuminated that the light pollution is felt even at that distance.

I welcome Weigels to the community as a Knoxville company and as a good neighbor. They have been on Ebenezer almost as long as I have. It is convenient to have them here. In addition they offer our community employment. Across Ebenezer from the proposed location is my Church, Ebenezer United Methodist. I have attended that church since 1979. There is no huge massive bright sign here. If you drive down Ebenezer Road you will notice the trees and the foliage and the lack of tacky signage. This proposed Weigels location is so far from any major intersection or interstate ramp that no signage could be seen from any significant range. In addition Ebenezer Road is not straight or level. Any signage is going to have a limited line of sight. So, why is Weigels trying to put in such a large highway sign in a small community? It make no sense. It would not, and could not draw in any travelers from distant venues. Ebenezer is not traveled by out-of-towners or site-seekers. It is traveled by those who live here. We know where the Weigels are. We don't need a large bright neon monument to Weigels glaring in our faces or polluting the night sky. It is hard enough to see the stars as it is.

So, I say welcome to the new store. But please leave the large, gaudy, light polluting, energy wasting signage to the main highways.

Please help us. Insist Weigels install a low wattage and community friendly sign of appropriate height. After all, this is a company that make its living serving the local community.

Thank You,

Steven and Susan Cobb