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Cc: Manasse, Edward; Cook, Brigitte; McElhaney, Lynette; Ranelletti, Darin
Subject: Re: Wood Street District

Hi Zac, I wholeheartedly agree that we need to open up our public streets. My guess is that the neighbors objected to this, back when. I'll get with staff and drill down on the details if the street system there. Thanks for writing. Rachel

On Apr 3, 2014, at 11:25 AM, "Wald, Zachary" <ZWald@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Rachel and Ed –

Just had a meeting with a Zephyr Gate representative (the condo community next to the 16th Street Train Station). They are suffering from their alleys being used as cut-through for cars trying to get to Frontage Road.

We brainstormed two ways to solve this problem –

1. Gate the driveway entrances to Zephyr Gate, so that only residents have access
2. Open up the 14th Street “pocket park” to thru traffic (e.g. remove the bollards)

The second idea raises the question of why access to Frontage Road from Wood Street is so limited in West Oakland in general and in the Wood Street plan in specific?

Currently, the only way onto Frontage Road from Wood Street is Grand Avenue and 7th Street. California Waste Solutions has blocked 10th Street with barriers, so you can't go through there (though I don't know if they have permission or if that was an agreement or what). 14th Street is the “pocket park” that goes with the Zephyr Gate community. And, 16th and 18th are specifically called out in the Wood Street Plan as NOT to be opened to through traffic.

This question becomes more urgent in light of the near-term approval of a plan for Andy Goetz' property (150 townhouses) as well as the traffic concerns of the Zephyr Gate neighbors. I anticipate that once the development at Goetz' property is built out, they will have the exact same problem as the Zephyr Gate community. Also, California Waste Solutions should be moving to the Army Base in the next couple of years.

Wouldn't it just make more sense to open up 10th, 14th, 16th to through traffic to Frontage Road?

Would love your thoughts...

Zac

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