

Proposed Dollar General Store

We have recently been made aware of the proposed plans for a Dollar General Store to be constructed at the SE corner of N Oak and Cookingham thus requiring some rezoning of property. Even though the store will be new and probably useful to many residents, our concern is the traffic flow from the establishment along N. Oak Trfwy which has not been improved north of 111th street. Rerouting of traffic during construction could put more burden on the side streets closest to the facility especially N Cherry to the east which is already somewhat hazardous for pedestrians due to the intersection of 114 Terr. This is a major walking path for school children going to Nashua Elem. To the west, streets like McGee are very narrow and traffic would be rerouted to 114 Terr where the elementary school is located. It appears there are no immediate plans for any improvement on N Oak; however, the construction of the Dollar General Store seems imminent. It is our hope that city council members will review this proposal for the impact on traffic flow without the safety of sidewalks so close to an elementary school prior to granting rezoning for this type of retail establishment.

There will be a meeting of the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee at City Hall on February 20 at 1:30 pm for discussion of rezoning and construction of the 9100 sq ft Dollar General Store. Any interested persons should confirm time and place at www.kcmo.org/calendars. Concerns regarding the project may also be emailed to city council members, such Ed.Ford@kcmo.org. Other members on the committee are Jim Glover, Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, and Cindy Circo.