

NANCY TRANT - 201 - 10100 #3 RD., K  
SUBJECT - WALMART / SMART CENTRES

Schedule 42 to the Minutes of the  
Council Meeting for Public  
Hearings held on Monday,  
November 18, 2013.

From previous city hall meetings, I believe its a foregone conclusion that you will be putting in a shopping mall in the Alexandra neigh-  
bourhood, whether we like it or not. But why would you allow the shopping mall that's being considered, a big, ugly behemoth of big, ugly buildings? Why not one like Ironwood, as tasteful as a shopping mall can be, and esthetically pleasing to the eye? In place of the environmentally sensitive, wildlife & wild, natural area <sup>(ESTD)</sup> that was/is there, we'll get a row of trees to mask the ugliness and believe me, they will never grow fast enough or high enough. Why would we do this? Bill McNulty, in a previous mtg. at City hall that was to allow Walmart / Smartcentres to present something better than their <sup>previous</sup> ~~present~~ <sup>proposal</sup> approx. 10 years ago, said openly that we, the City of Knd, didn't need Walmart so what was their improved plan? It seems to have gone from 'worse to worse'. As it the perks they have offered that was the 'deal breaker'? It was said in the meeting of Nov. 12/13, that our finances are in good order, even excellent order. Does the lure of <sup>SmartCentres, et al</sup> putting in an access road, a roof garden, a few trees, really compensate for what we are losing? Why would such tall, large buildings be allowed in an area adjacent to Indy Citylands that cries out for lower & smaller bldgs, <sup>sit well inside the boundary</sup> the people of Knd, don't want

Ironwood areas  
Nova get the smaller-sized, practical but fitting in with the neighbourhood? Another glaring oversight is good cycling + bus access. Evelina H.B. said people don't shop by bus (or bike) they use cars. Evelina obviously <sup>does</sup> but there are many, many people who don't drive cars. Some because cars almost single-handedly create our climate change + global warming others because they can't afford a car insurance, repairs, etc. and still others because they are seniors <sup>or students</sup> on fixed budgets or because they no longer want to drive a car. On the whole we are an unfit country and aren't we encouraging people to get out + walk and cycle, + maybe even "smell the roses" on our way? Evelina should ride a bus once-in-awhile and see the grocery shoppers with their portable bags squeezed onto our buses and seniors <sup>+ others</sup> who walk or bus to the nearest food store + shopping mall. She should see the crowded bike racks, at Super Store + #3 Road and cyclists who care about the calamity called "Climate Change / Global Warming" and use bike bags to carry their needs. Young mothers with children + amazing strollers that have a place for everything, including the groceries, etc., ride the buses and so do others in wheelchairs. Everyone moves fast back, they flip up the seats + strap themselves in or with the bus driver's help. There is <sup>no</sup> where

to walk, ride a bike, wheelchair, take their small children for a walk in the sun or even rainy weather (these strollers have waterproof covers) or bus it, will anyone want to end up at a big box mall. At Lansdowne Shopping Mall, there is no sidewalk appeal, no small bakery/deli; I don't even think there is an off the sidewalk Starbucks, except perhaps inside that "soulless" place. They try with their planting of trees & shrubs but basically it's a big box mall with big box stores that smell of all the chemicals that have gone into the production of their goods. Even Canadian Tire which I hope is at least somewhat Canadian & not considered huge or against the big box stores, has a chemical smell that hits ones nose the minute it has been entered into. Believe me everyone, we need to get back to the basics, reduce our consumption, respect the earth that gives us life, recycle, reuse, recover, and stop living like there is no tomorrow.

The big box Walmart/Smart Centres is not as good as it gets, to repeat the quote of one of our councilors. In fact, it's trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. If we really need a shopping trip in this area, pray it will be in keeping with Richards' standards & values, not Walmart's/Smart Centres' value.