

Good evening. My name is Nikki Price. I reside at 1324 Enfield Street.

My comments are directed to the zone change application requested by the Felician Sisters for 1297 Enfield Street.

As we meet here tonight, I believe we all can agree the Felician Sisters have been great stewards of this campus community. However, we cannot allow our admiration to cloud the decision as to the impact this zone change, if approved, will have on the local neighborhood. Let us be clear, we are here because the dwindling numbers of the sisterhood cannot support the maintenance of the Felician campus. This dilemma was not created by Society, rather, it is a by-product of the Catholic church by not reforming, modernizing the doctrine of religious life to attract young, contemporary women to their ministry.



It makes one wonder if their enrollment was substantial would this transformation have been proposed?

What this zone change will do is create a steady revenue stream for the Felician Sisters of North America, with substantial benefits for them at a tremendous loss not only to the neighboring community but the town as well.

The bottom-line is the Felician Sisters cannot guarantee 100% the property will be indefinitely in their possession. The Felician Sisters of North America can decide to sell the property any time in the future. What affect would that have on the re-zoned campus and the Felician Sisters partners? How can this commission approve a permanent zone change to a property with such a big unknown? Once this zone change is approved it is there forever for any future changes to the property by anyone who owns it.

Thank you for allowing me to express my point of view in this matter.