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As a home owner in Lansbrook and patron of the East Lake Community Library, I would like to give my full support to the request by the ELCL library director Lois Eannel. The additional parking is badly needed. Some parents are already using the library to park their cars and walk their children to school. Additional parking in the front would be a boon to all of us, parents and patrons alike. The crush before and after school would be greatly reduced with the additional parking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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May 23, 2017

Dear Lois,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the East Lake Community Library Sneak Peek Party back in March. I'm very excited for the changes coming to the ELCL, including the space expansion efforts that move it closer to the recommended guidelines for a service population in unincorporated Pinellas County where I live. Our family makes use of the library and its resources at least 2-3 times every week, including a daily walk with our children between the library and Cypress Woods Elementary as weather permits. We look forward to additional parking for school days and CWE special events; car lines are usually very long and parking in these situations is in great demand.

While grateful for the work that is about to begin, I believe our true needs for the East Lake area go beyond Phase 1 efforts. The work done by Mr. Toppe in developing a master plan that allows for future expansion is very promising, as development now with an eye towards future library and parking growth is critical. The master plan he presented seems to address today's needs and tomorrow's aspirations.

You and your staff have been a tremendous asset in creating an enjoyable library environment for our family, and ensuring the safety needs of our children as they make their way to school every day. Thank you for your leadership as Library Director and your continued work in development of this local community treasure. If I may ever be of any assistance in helping your efforts to make ELCL better please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

James Cuomo
East Lake Resident, Community Library Patron, and
Cypress Woods Elementary School Parent

Dear Lois,

As you know, I am the Chair of the Cypress Woods Elementary (CWE) School Advisory Council (SAC). While we have reached the end of the school year and the end of our SAC meetings, I wanted to let you know of the support our Council and school has for the joint parking lot project.

If you review the meeting notes of our SAC meetings, you'll see the joint parking lot was an ongoing issue of discussion. I know you are quite familiar with the parking lot needs of the library, but the school is no different. In fact, the level of excitement for a parking solution for the school has reached all time highs as the overcrowded parking lots were clearly inadequate during the final few events this school year.

Many of the CWE families use the library parking lot now and walk to school. The desire from other parents to do the same is high and will only increase when the parking lot is expanded. Since our principal has moved on from the school and school leadership is in a transition period (not to mention school is out for the summer), I am hoping you will continue to champion this all important project during the summer.

Please know that the school community and SAC is fully supportive of the efforts led by the library. The addition of ANY new parking spaces can not come soon enough. Our parents will not only use the parking during library visits, but during school events as well. Please let me know how I can help and if you'd like to hear from the many families that share my interest in expanding the library parking lot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel J. Wendol', written in a cursive style.

Daniel J. Wendol

Library Supporter

Cypress Woods Elementary School School Advisory Council Chair

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May 23, 2017

Dear County Commissioners,

I understand that there has been a need to redesign the shared use parking area proposal which has been supported and funded by the county. Looking at the redesign of the proposal, it still supports the goals of our community-focused library and our interest in having a shared use parking area.

Being in front of the library and with the sidewalk access to the school, it will provide parents more accessible parking for school events and daily drop-off/pick-up times. Additionally, it will provide the much-needed expanded parking for the many early childhood, adult programs, concerts, meetings and special events which the library hosts.

Regardless of the final design – and despite the smaller size--this is a needed improvement for our community.

If you need me to attend a meeting to support these changes, let me know.

Joan McCarthy
Director at Large
Friends of East Lake Community Library

Dear Commissioners,

This note is to express our support for the new modified parking lot proposal for the East Lake Library. This new parking configuration would supply much needed space for the families of elementary school children and library patrons. It also greatly reduces students walking along East Lake Road and increases the safety of their passage.

This parking lot is more economical than the previous designs but still gives us a Phase I shared parking lot. We can certainly still pursue the joint use agreement with the school administration in the future.

Please remember that this library is actually owned by the county so improvements reflect the county's commitment to their constituents in the East Lake Area.

We certainly would like to count on your support for this endeavor.

Kind Regards,

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President of Lansbrook (retired)

Pupke, Andrew W

From: Lois Eannel <lois-e@eastlakelibrary.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Pupke, Andrew W
Subject: Fwd: If You Build It, They Will Come!

Dear Andrew,

I won't bombard you with dozens of additional parents' letters in support of the shared parking lot but I thought this one was well-written and detailed the need for additional parking from the school families' perspective. Hope you had a nice holiday weekend!

Lois Eannel, Director
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From: Krystal Burns <krystal.burns@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 26, 2017 at 9:48 PM
Subject: If You Build It, They Will Come!
To: Lois Eannel <lois-e@eastlakelibrary.org>

To: Ms. Lois Eannel, Director of East Lake Community Library;
Members of the Pinellas County School Board;
& Commissioners of Pinellas County

I would like to enthusiastically add my name to the growing list of Cypress Woods Elementary School parents who strongly support the purpose and need for the planned library parking improvements at East Lake Community Library. In truth, several school events are bordering on unbearable due to the grossly deficient parking capabilities on our campus. The planned joint use parking will improve safety for our children and facilitate parental involvement at our school.

The library has been extremely generous in letting parents and students use their parking facilities without any restrictions. This on-going partnership allows families to use the parking lot for daily pick-up and drop-up, as overflow parking during monthly special events, and as a gathering place for a variety of annual events. We are so grateful for their generosity! And with the growth of the library and the growth of our school, the facilities must grow too.

I specifically applaud the draft site plan for including a perimeter sidewalk to accommodate future access to the school via a future fenced trail. I request that the parking sizes be evaluated to meet the needs of larger vehicles which many families own.

Many thanks for your attention to this critical issue!

Regards,
Krystal Burns
parent of two Cypress Woods students