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HISTORIC ST. MARYS CEMETERY IS LOCATED ON HOMELAND AVE OVER 4000 PEOPLE ARE BURIED THERE INCLUDING A CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE ORIGINAL ORIOLES OWNER. THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE ZONING CHANGE IS REQUESTED WAS OWNED BY ST. MARYS CHURCH AND CONSISTS OF THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING ,A PARKING LOT PLUS VACANT LAND.. ST. MARYS OWNED THE LAND FROM 1849 UNTIL IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. THE KNIGHTS ALLOWED NOTRE DAME TO USE THE LAND FOR PARKING (MOSTLY FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS ) .THE CEMETERY HAD A RIGHT A WAY FOR PARKING AND ENTRANCE FOR BURIALS. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE KNIGHTS (FEW MEMBERS) SOLD THE PROPERTY TO NOTRE DAME WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR PARKING AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND THE CEMETERY PARKING AND ENTRANCE WOULD CONTINUE. NOTRE DAME RENEGED ON THIS. PARKING IS IN SHORT SUPPLY WITH THESE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE PROPOSED CEMETERY ENTRANCE ON HOMELAND AVE.EAST OF SPRINGLAKE WAY IS NARROW AND DIFFICULT TO ENTER. THERE WILL BE A HARDSHIP FOR OLDER VISITORS TO THE CEMETERY. DO WE NEED A SENIOR CARE FACILITY WITH ALL THE NOISE AND TRAFFIC THIS OFFERS? I ASK THE COUNCIL TO REJECT THIS ZONING CHANGE. PARKING AND ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY SHOULD NOT BE ENDED ON THIS PROPERTY. I WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH MR. CONWAY OR MS.MIDDLETON GREEN ON THE PROPERTY THANK YOU GERALD L. SCHMITT 410 435 7127