

Summary of public comments for Planning Commission meeting on April 6, 2022

Name	Subject	Comment Summary or Full Comment if brief
Diane Barnhart, Resident of Linwood Court	Public Comment regarding Agenda Item AR-2	States that things have greatly improved since the gym operations have moved indoors. However, he states that the doors are left open occasionally, that one gym patron revs their engine on a nightly basis, and that people turning into the gym parking lot frequently do not use their turn signals, causing some traffic issues and hazards.
Paul Bockhorst, Resident of Linwood Court	Public Comment regarding Agenda Item AR-2	States that there is a good rapport between the gym, the condos, and Bowden Development. He highlights two issues: 1) requesting the installation of taller fencing between Linwood Court and Bowden Development, and 2) requesting that the gym open at 6:00 a.m. on weekends.
Resident of Linwood Court	Public Comment regarding Agenda Item AR-2	States that the situation has improved and she is gratified that the gym owners are active in addressing issues. She notes that there are furnishings on the garage roof, which may cause noise impacts. She further suggests a cost-sharing agreement amongst Linwood Court residents, Foothill Gym, and Bowden Development for the installation of taller fencing between Linwood Court and Bowden Development.

From: Diane Barnhart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2022 9:48 AM
To: planning
Subject: Foothill Gym Review

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am responding to the notice regarding the public meeting on Wednesday, April 6th reviewing the Conditional Use Permit for late night operations taken out by Foothill Gym. I am not able to attend the meeting, so would like to record my comments through email.

I live in the condos directly behind the gym and, while it was quite a shock when they moved in last year and, when it was operating outside, quite noisy, I heartily commend Brian Whelan for making great strides in mitigating the issues. It has greatly improved since those early days and I am glad that his business is doing well. I think that they are good neighbors, for the most part. With that said, however, there still are a few noise and traffic issues I would like to highlight.

To begin with, when the doors are left open, we can still hear the music. This doesn't happen all the time and isn't a constant issue, but when it does happen, it can be rather loud. My biggest noise concern lately, however, is that someone nearly nightly at about closing time can't seem to leave the parking lot without loudly revving up his/her car engine repeatedly. This obnoxious roar rumbles over and over, then the car noisily squeals away out of the parking lot and down the street as though entered into a competitive drag race. I don't know if this is an employee or a patron, but it is extremely disruptive as it feels that the car is coming straight through my bedroom as I am trying to sleep.

Secondly, it would be great if people turning into the gym parking lot would actually signal that they are indeed turning. Of course some do, but many do not - especially the early crowd. It is not unusual for me to needlessly wait to turn left out of our garage driveway for cars that I think are going to go straight down Primrose because there is no turn indicator when, in fact, they are turning into the gym parking lot. As well, I have almost been hit a few times when walking or riding my bike by the gym by cars exiting. It is much better without the busses also parked there, but it still happens more than it should. Maybe patrons could be a little bit more aware that there are others using that area as well.

Again, they are trying very hard to be good neighbors and I greatly appreciate the efforts.

Sincerely,

Diane Barnhart
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Paul Bockhorst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 11:02 AM
To: planning
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: More on CUP for Foothill Gym project

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April 4, 2022

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Hello Teresa,

Thanks for your message alerting us to the upcoming meeting of the Monrovia DRC to discuss the Conditional Use Permit for the Foothill Gym. The residents of Linwood Court Townhomes appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Monrovia and other stakeholders to achieve a satisfactory resolution of the remaining issues. Happily, there is now a good rapport between the affected parties that is, -- the Foothill Gym, Linwood Court Townhomes, and Bowden Development. At the moment, we want to highlight two issues of concern to our residents. They are:

1. We continue to request installation of a fence between our property and the Bowden lot. That fence will mitigate problems associated with both light and noise pollution.

2. We ask that the approved operating hours be scrupulously observed, as follows:

Weekdays 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m
Weekends 6:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m

Also, please remember that outdoor activities are prohibited, as is outdoor storage of miscellaneous

gym equipment. That applies to storage on roofs as well ground areas.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Thanks again and best wishes,

Paul Bockhorst
President
Linwood Court Townhomes Owners Association

April 4, 2022

Congratulations to Brian & Jennifer Whelan,

Foothill Gym looks Attractive; the beautiful paint colors, pretty red and blue lighting shining down on the signage, the logos on the front and back doors, has really classed up the corner of Foothill and Primrose.

My concerns are: There are 2 commercial sized outdoor heaters, 1 outdoor patio umbrella, and café lights on top of the garage roof. To my understanding there are to be no outdoor activities at the gym. Any noise coming from the gym really carries over to Linwood Court. There is no barrier to keep the noise at bay.

I still have not moved into my master bedroom and windows are still boarded up, because I still feel some level of suffering and turmoil upon the opening of the gym and everything we went through. Things like having outdoor items on the garage roof makes me feel hesitant and insecure about moving back into my master bedroom.

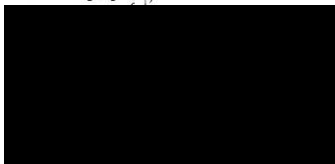
It did warm my heart when I heard that Brian asked some gym patrons to come inside if they are going to continue to talk outside in the parking lot. And to be respectful of the neighbors.

I know it is pretty impossible to keep Car noise down in the parking lot. Linwood Court got a price for some vinyl fencing that would keep the parking lot noise down and it would cost roughly around \$10,000. It would be nice if we could all pitch in some money towards this project. This should take care of a lot of the noise issues. I am willing to pitch in \$2000.00 of my own money. This too would make it more appealing in the appearance for everyone involved including the City of Monrovia.

In closing I would like to say I'm so happy for Brian & Jennifer! They so deserve this new gym. I know they had worked through some challenging times to get here, and it all worked out for the best. I can only imagine how happy they are!!!

Let's focus on appreciating each other!!

Sincerely,



Linwood Court