

Madison Heiser

From: Madison Heiser
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 8:41 AM
To: Madison Heiser
Subject: Re-Zoning Application for 1181 Fort St.

From: Oomen, Michael EDUC:EX [REDACTED]
Sent: December 5, 2019 4:20 PM
To: Michael Angrove <mangrove@victoria.ca>
Subject: RE: Re-Zoning Application for 1181 Fort St.

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to you out of concern for the possible re-zoning at 1881 Fort St. to allow a store front Cannabis Retailer. My main concerns for this proposal are the proximity to vulnerable populations, the adverse effect on the local community and the consequence this type of business will have on local traffic. In addition, I feel placing a Cannabis store so close to at-risk and vulnerable members of the population is at best negligent and at worst, predatory.

I strongly urge the city council to reject the proposal to open a Cannabis Retailer at this location and look for a more suitable tenant that contributes to the neighborhood and surrounding community.

Issues/Concerns:

- South Jubilee is already struggling with increased pressures from development and traffic on Fort, Richmond, Oak Bay Ave and Foul Bay. Adding a potentially high traffic stop and go destination will only make matters worse for residents that are already stressed by insufficient parking, speeding and traffic noise. Unlike a restaurant or retail location, customers spend less than 10 minutes on average at retail cannabis locations (Google Maps Statistics)
- There are 3 major developments (multi-unit buildings) proposed within 2-3 blocks of this location that have the possibility of drastically altering the traffic and congestion issues that already exist – adding a destination that promotes quick turn-around shopping does nothing for the local community. Until these issues are addressed the problem will only intensify.
- South Jubilee is a complex area that currently supports a number of vulnerable or at-risk populations. This includes outflow from the Eric Martin and residents of the Caribbean Apt less than 200 metres from the proposed location. This is (to my understanding) a Licensed Residential Care Home for individuals that require support and supervision while recovering from substance abuse disorders
- There is a youth group home at the corner of Davie St. and Leighton with at risk youth dealing with a number of issues including addiction – again this is one block and less than 200 metres from the proposed location
- Threshold Housing for youth is located 2 blocks away on the corner of Davie St. and Oak Bay Ave – while not focussed specifically on mental health or addiction issues, their tenants represent a vulnerable and at-risk segment of society

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From: Public Hearings
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 2:27 PM
To: Madison Heiser
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to 1881 Fort Street

From: Kelvan [REDACTED]
Sent: December 10, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Public Hearings [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed changes to 1881 Fort Street

To City Council,

I was pleasantly surprised to see the rezoning notice board when walking along Fort Street this past week. I am writing to support the idea of our area getting a cannabis retailer. It just makes sense to put a cannabis retailer in this area to serve this community and so we don't have to travel all the way downtown to get access to cannabis. In my mind, whether the cannabis user uses it for medicinal use or recreational use, having the retailer here eases access and makes South Jubilee Neighbourhood more complete.

Regards,

Kelvan Iverson

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