

Pamela Martin

From: Public Hearings
To: Brooklyn Egan
Subject: RE: Opportunity for Public Comment November 26, 2020 - 611 and 629 Speed Ave

Dear Council,

I am a resident at 102-606 Speed Avenue. I am strongly **opposed** to the Development Variance Permit Application No. 00243 that allows for **additional** parking for residents and visitors of the new Tresah development.

Speed Avenue is already beyond its capacity with the current traffic and parking of residential use. Two residential buildings (630 and 606 Speed Avenue), plus the Supportive Housing building (650 Speed Avenue) already create a significant amount of traffic and parking concerns for Speed Avenue, a small, dead end road.

-The existing street parking on Speed Avenue (on one side) already creates one way traffic for residents, deliveries and first responders. This has contributed to the congestion of Speed Avenue and also results in illegal parking in no parking zones on Speed Avenue which only increases the congestion and safety concerns

Kentucky Fried Chicken drive through, on the corner of Douglas Street and Speed Avenue, causes major traffic and pedestrian concerns at Douglas Street and Speed Ave. Adding additional parking with the Development Variance Permit Application No. 00243 would only increase the congestion and safety concerns that already exist.

- Kentucky Fried Chicken drive through creates traffic congestion on Douglas and Speed as the line for the drive through is at a stand still, blocking both Douglas and Speed.
- Kentucky Fried Chicken drive through blocks the bus lanes, bikes lanes, vehicle lanes, sidewalks, Flaman Fitness customers and employees, and first responders.
- I have witnessed, due to the Kentucky Fried Chicken drive through congestion, **significant road rage, close calls with vehicle and pedestrian accidents, vehicles driving on the wrong side of the road to try and pass the traffic, and individuals taking matters into their own hands** (entering Kentucky Fried Chicken to address the traffic and safety concern and directing traffic on Douglas Street and Speed Avenue)

This traffic congestion and safety concerns that already exist on Speed Avenue and Douglas Street is a terrible accident waiting to happen. The access for the underground parking of the Tresah Development is already on Speed Ave, this will only exacerbate the current traffic situation and adding more traffic and parking options with the Development Variance Permit Application No. 00243 is a very dangerous and unsafe proposal.

Moving the access point for underground parking of the Tresah development to Frances Avenue would be a start to address this traffic, safety and parking concerns on Speed Ave, but with the Kentucky Fried Chicken traffic there will still be significant safety and congestion problems.

I have been in contact with a Tresah representative (November 18, 2020), sent an email (October 5, 2020) to Kentucky Fried Chicken and Mike Geric Development addressing the concerns noted above. I have not received a response from Mike Geric Development.

I have been in contact with Richard Adam Supervisor – Transportation Operations, Engineering and Public Works, City of Victoria with the above noted traffic and safety concerns. Even though the Engineering department is unable to address this situation, **I was advised that “The KFC on Douglas at Speed is a long standing, licensed business”... “Nor is this the only drive through in the City that spills back onto the roadway at times.” (Personal Communications, Richard Adam, October 7, 2020).** In my opinion, this seems like the city is ok with an established, licensed business that creates significant traffic and safety concerns and has the potential to create serious harm with an accident waiting to happen. Kentucky Fried Chicken may not be the only drive through that spills out into the street, but it is one of few drive throughs that spills out onto a narrow, and eventual one way traffic, dead end, residential road adjacent to a major, high volume street and intersection, Douglas Street.

I have also expressed my concerns with Victoria Police (corresponding Police File number is 2020-901433) but have received no response.

Mike Geric development is charging \$40,000 for additional parking, a better and safer solution can be made that does not involve increasing the traffic, congestion, parking and safety concerns that already exist on Speed Ave.

Attached - documents of congestion, traffic and safety concerns on Speed Ave.

Brooklyn Egan
102-606 Speed Avenue
OPPOSED to the Development Variance Permit Application No. 00243



Pamela Martin

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: November 20, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Citified-Tresah Project

From: Glen Frecker [REDACTED]
Sent: November 18, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Citified-Tresah Project

Hello Mayor,

I'm writing to you after reading a posting on Citified Victoria the other day. The Tresah project will be very interesting to see to completion and more so how the market responds to larger wood frame buildings moving forward.

I must say however, I'm highly disappointed that you didn't insist that the entire group of dignitaries (term not fitting the situation) didn't wear masks to show what should be done while out in public and when close. You missed an opportunity to demonstrate leadership.

I'm a bio-med healthcare worker of 42 years and my wife is an L&D RN for 38 years. We both are imuno-compromised, yet continue to work and support our institutions and the public. We were to be living in Victoria in early late 2019 (Black & White) but COVID had us postpone our move to support our hospital before retirement. However, we have been very frequent visitors to Victoria for almost 10 years coming 4 to 6 times a year. We will make our final move from Toronto to Victoria and the Bellewoods project. We can't wait to be living in Victoria. :)

Please use every opportunity to demonstrate your leadership and if need be, opt out of situations and photo Op's if reckless people don't demonstrate proper behaviour.

We need a cohesive effort that demonstrates what everyone should be doing.

Keep up your hard work, many times not appreciated by a minority, but those with good hearts following.

Glen & Tanya Frecker
1033 Cook St

Pamela Martin

From: Naomi Faulkner [REDACTED]
Sent: November 24, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Permit Application 00243

Hello,

We live across the street from the new developments going in at 611 and 629 Speed Ave; we are at 606.

Unfortunately we were unable to figure out what the reductions in parking spaces would be, but we are of the opinion that the current approved plan does not provide for adequate parking as is.

Though encouraging car sharing, biking, and bussing as transportation is desirable, most households have a vehicle or often two.

We try to bike to work when we can, walk to shops, but we still need at least one vehicle and most would agree that those looking to buy a condo outside of the downtown core would want or need parking.

On our street currently, people have been getting tickets for parking past the sign and in no parking zones, others will park bumper to bumper just to get a spot, sometimes making it very difficult to leave, and there are rarely enough spots available for everyone; one nurse has asked to pay anyone for their spare parking space, but unfortunately there just aren't any and she hasn't got a spot. There is only one visitor space for our building, and I think only very few (maybe two?) next door.

We love that Tresah is going in, we've been to the showroom, the buildings are gorgeous and we really appreciate that they are so much more than just concrete blocks, but we know that when there aren't enough spaces for parking, it overflows onto the neighbourhood streets, and our street is quite small with very little capacity, only big enough for parking on one side. Some of the people buying without a space will undoubtedly be expecting to find street parking. We just don't have a lot of residential streets for parking nearby. As well, expanding the street parking is not an option as there are some very large, very beautiful old trees on either side.

There is also a major issue with the street being blocked by cars waiting for the KFC drive-through. Currently our street is a dead end, I think we read that the new development would have a lane through to Frances St, but we are unsure if this will provide us with another way to access our building, we like the quiet but would appreciate more accessibility.

Ideally the underground parking would be expanded in the new development, especially as vehicle break-ins occur here often, but I think it is past that stage, so we hope that the parking won't be reduced further, or will be reconfigured to add more space. We do wonder if there is some way to create parking at Mayfair mall as it is very close, and their underground is not used after hours as far as we can tell. Or just more parking anywhere. As evidenced by our neighbour, I think there would be people willing to pay for a space or an extra one. It is already such an issue.

Something else that could help - we would love quicker and easier access to the galloping goose behind us. Currently we have to go up our street to Douglas, to Alpha, and then either cut behind a chain link fence through a narrow tunnel between it and the blackberries, or take Alpha or Frances all the way down to Burnside and over to the goose, which isn't the end of the world, but maybe quicker, easier access would encourage more use.

Many thanks,
Naomi and Dustin

Pamela Martin

From: Silverfern Admin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: November 23, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: 61 - 629 Speed Street - Development Variance Permit #00243

Good afternoon,

We are a local sheet metal fabrication shop, with approximately 10-12 employees. Silver Fern Stainless is located at 3123 Steele St. At the moment, we find parking to be quite challenging, coupled with the fact that the majority of the items we produce are quite large, and require some form of a vehicle to pick up. The idea of less parking being available is problematic.

We fear that once this multi-unit residential building is complete, if it does not include a parking spot for all of its tenants, parking will become near impossible. With the lack of any paid parking lots in the area, it does not leave any of us with many options.

On behalf of myself, all of us at Silver Fern, and likely many of the other business in the area, we hope you are able to come up with another solution. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,
Rob Rose

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