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Letter to Public Hearing

Thursday December 10, 2020

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposed small house in the backyard of 1023 Tolmie Ave.

The backyard is too small for a second house, this is a small single house lot.

The existing house has been a rental for years and is in very bad shape. Nobody would oppose building a larger/higher house on an expanded footprint, leaving the backyard alone.

The proposal, with all of the required setbacks eliminated, would put this second house just a few feet from the neighbour's house at 3180 Fifth St.

Mr and Mrs Garvey have owned and lived at the house at 3180 Fifth St for over 30 years. They are now senior citizens and in declining health. Mr. Garvey lives with a brain injury, and Mrs Garvey has a degenerative neurological disease causing her constant pain, and nerve and cognitive problems. Their son moved back home last year to provide them with the support they need to remain in their own home. A construction site a few feet from their house would devastate their lives and health and probably force them in to care.

The neighbours on Fifth St opposed the development originally when the proposal representative went door to door.

Then there was a meeting at the Quadra Village community centre where the neighbourhood and Mr Garvey again opposed this.

Then there was the City Hall video meeting where the developer was instructed to go back to the Garveys and the neighbours and listen to their concerns.

No contact was made with either the Garveys or the neighbours and here we are again.

Matt Garvey presented council with a petition at the last meeting, signed by the neighbours, opposing this development.

I spoke at the meeting. He did a video to show how small the lot is and the surrounding corner.

This proposal should not be approved.

Doris McLennan

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