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From: Lynn Etta Cardiff [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:29 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: variance application 00256

This is concerning variance permit application 00256.

name- Lynn Etta Cardiff

address 103-520 Dunedin St

I totally support this application

Thank you
Lynn Cardiff

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From: MJ Paterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 6:18 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00256

Good day Council Members,

I fully support the request to increase the height of fencing along 545 Manchester Road from 1.2m to 1.83 m.

Michael Paterson, CD
520 Dunedin Street, Unit 203
Victoria, BC
V8T 2L6
[REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and Council,

I support Variance Application 00256 for 545 Manchester Rd

Crime in the few blocks surrounding our strata is very concerning. It's an everyday occurrence to see drug use – including injection – drug deals and public intoxication where homeless people shout at each other or to no one at all. The amount of garbage left in piles is astounding. I have at times been nervous about even going next door to the Mega Mart to buy milk.

I worry about the future of our neighborhood. I'm worried about the entire area going into decline as everyone who can afford to move away actually does move away and those left behind are less able to maintain their property or make structural changes that increase security or repair damage from vandalism. For example, our strata has had to repair the fence gates on several occasions due to damage to the handles, the self-closing mechanism and actual bending of the gate itself (likely with a crowbar), tampering with the locks on the front doors and forcing open and tampering with the entercomm. We've also spent more than 100K on lighting, security bars and, of course, fencing. I am not at all confident that the strata can afford these expenses if everyone who can afford to move away flees the area because they fear for their safety.

I can also speak to the effectiveness of the existing fence surrounding the greenspace. We moved here just 2 weeks before that fence was put up and in that short period of time, I was woken up in the middle of the night by a homeless person who took over our patio. Not only was the experience rather alarming, but our patio was completely trashed. Our belongings were broken, our neighbor's belongings were brought to our patio and broken, and garbage was strewn everywhere.

In short, if we did not have the fence around the greenspace and our patio, I certainly would consider moving.

I strongly urge the Mayor and Council to accept the realities of the situation our strata is in, consider their role in creating it and ask themselves what are you realistically prepared to do to mitigate the situation?

Allowing us to put up a fence on our own property and at our own expense seems like the least you could do.

Helen Merlot

107-520 Dunedin St

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From: Colleen Shotbolt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:40 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Variance Permit 00256 545 Manchester Road

My name is Colleen Shotbolt and I own unit 101 at 545 Manchester Rd, Victoria, BC V8T 5H6, Canada.

I wish to advise that I fully support the proposed fencing for around the perimeter of the property. I did also make a video which the strata may be presenting.

I purchased my condo unit in March of 2016 and I have worked in this area for approximately 20 years. I used to enjoy walking downtown and home day or night. Now I only do during daylight hours and even then I often feel unsafe and am extra vigilant to anyone around me. Since the relocation of many of the homeless to the Burnside/Gorge neighbourhood there has been a significant increase in theft, trespassing, open drug use and an assortment of other unwelcome issues. The increase of emergency vehicles alone is unbelievable. Several times the screens on some of my windows have been removed and I can see handprints on the glass where I can only assume someone has attempted to gain entry. As I live alone on the ground floor I find this very concerning. My barbecue was stolen from my patio last summer. There is a side door exit from our building next to my master bedroom and on several occasions individuals have sat on the stairs there and left used needles and garbage. I have also found backpacks and other items on the ground outside of my two bedroom windows. This is very unnerving as likely someone has been outside of my bedrooms while I have been sleeping.

I do feel that a perimeter fence will alleviate a lot of the issues related to theft and trespassing and I know that it will bring me great peace of mind and I look forward to purchasing another barbecue!

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Colleen Shotbolt

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From: Dane Philpott [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00256

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Dane Philpott and I live at 303-520 Dunedin st. I implore you to approve our stratas variance application for a number of reasons. As you probably know we are in what the Victoria Police call a crime triangle. Both the buildings in our strata are in the middle of this triangle and have been hit hard by criminals with theft, breaking and entering, threats of violence etc. Our strata has had to shell out a lot of money over the years in an attempt to keep our residence safe and secure. As you are also aware, there are numerous low income housing and free housing facilities surrounding both our buildings. There are many criminals that live in these particular housing options. We have had residence be threatened with violence, had needles and other drug paraphernalia left on our property as well as human faeces. The fence that is already up surrounding 520 Dunedin st has helped with keeping the vagrants off our property and residence are now using our lovely green space as it is completely fenced in. Our green space was not getting used or enjoyed by owners/renters before the fence was put up. A four foot fence would not do as the homeless and drug users would just hop the fence and it would be a waste of money. I feel it is your duty to allow us to put up a six foot fence around 545 Manchester road as the homeless and drug users have been put into our area without consultation from the burnside/gorge area residents. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Dane Philpott
303-520 Dunedin St.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Julie Thacker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Variance Permit Application No, 00256

Proposed changes to a545 Manchester Avenue and 530 Dunedin Street

I am writing to give my support to the proposal to increase the fence height along 545 Manchester frontage road to 1.83 m [6feet].

The additional height will improve residents safety with the increase of various shelters in the area. It will not obstruct our neighbors views as the buildings across the street are raised from the street level.

Sincerely

Julie Thacker