

Pamela Martin

From: Lynn McColl [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: 2909 Harriet Road Multi-Family & Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have researched the above plan, which is overall, very exciting.

However, I have a few key concerns about the plan regarding our property.

Dirk Stewart and I own a 1920 character home that was legally developed into a four unit property, each unit having its own meter. We purchased it in 2006.

The property is the third house north of Gorge Road.

We have renovated and maintain the property to a very high standard, as one can see by just driving by. Each suite has been renovated, and our tenants are long-term. Rents are below market value, and we prefer lower rents and great tenants. This is a neighbourhood of single family dwellings with large gardens, and backyards.

In Section 12 Gorge Residential Sub-Area, page 48, there is a map which shows our property, 2909 Harriet Road, included in the urban residential legend.

As well, section 12.6.4 says, "To preserve important view towards the Olympic Mountains from north-south streets intersection with Gorge Road."

Five years ago two rental buildings were constructed on the south side of Gorge @ Harriet. These buildings completely blocked our views of the Olympic Mountains.

To build four-story buildings along Gorge Road, north side, would obliterate our current garden views, sense of space, sunlight, and hem us in, surrounding a character multi-family home with concrete buildings.

If this goes through, it forces us to consider selling the property to developers, and that means evicting six people from their suites.

I will be attending the meeting Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Thank you.

Lynn McColl

Lucas De Amaral

From: Lacey Maxwell
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Christina; [REDACTED]
Cc: Lisa Helps (Mayor); Danielle St. Jacques; Colleen Mycroft
Subject: RE: Time sensitive: Homeless and transitional housing in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood

Categories: Homeless / Camping, Housing

Dear Christina,

On behalf of Mayor Helps, thank you for your letter regarding homelessness and the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood.

Please see below, a response to your "Open Letter to the Mayor of Victoria" dated June 12, 2017. The Mayor's response will be published in the Times Colonist tomorrow, Thursday, June 22.

Re: Open Letter to the Mayor of Victoria

There is a dire need for affordable and supportive housing in the Capital Region. Concerns expressed in a letter from residents of the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood highlight some of the challenges of integrating new housing into existing neighbourhoods. Adequate planning and discussion is required to support those experiencing homelessness in a way that both offers dignity to these individuals and supports their integration into the local community.

BC Housing has recently made a number of new investments in Burnside-Gorge as well as Fairfield and elsewhere in the region; we welcome these investments to end homelessness in our region. And, in order to ensure that people have the housing they need where they already live, we encourage BC Housing to look at further investments across the region.

Working with local residents and housing providers, we are confident that BC Housing will be able to develop operating models and plans for these proposed facilities that will ensure that this new housing positively contributes to the neighbourhoods. Again, we stress the importance of mixed use housing in all neighborhoods. We trust that BC Housing and the housing providers will address the specific recommendations made by the letter writers.

The City also has a role to play. Going forward, the City will consider the questions raised and contribute to this discussion through its land use and regulatory functions, as well as provide additional opportunities for public input.

I invite the letter writers to meet with me and BC Housing to discuss how we can all work together to find meaningful solutions.

Mayor Lisa Helps

Sincerely,

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From: Christina [REDACTED]
Sent: June 12, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Time sensitive: Homeless and transitional housing in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood

Please see below

Sent from Christina's iPhone

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Time sensitive: Homeless and transitional housing in the Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood

Dear Lisa Helps, Mayor of the City of Victoria

Attached please find a letter regarding. **This letter has been signed by 49 residents of our neighbourhood and will be posted in the Times Columnist on Sunday June 18, 2017.** Your attention to the issues raised in this letter and answers to the questions posed are much appreciated.

We understand that that zoning for the Tally Ho facility is the subject of current deliberations by city committees. The residents that have signed this letter expect that no decisions will be made on this facility until the issues raised in the attached letter are addressed and the community has been engaged in meaningful consultation.

Yours truly

The 49 residents signatory to the attached letter

c/o Nigel Fletcher, 624 Manchester Rd, Victoria