

Cari Hornbein

From: Devin Anderson <xine.ander@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2019 7:47 AM
To: CityCouncil; Cari Hornbein
Subject: Proposed Green Cove development

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Dear Cari Hornbein and City Council,

I am not good at using formal, legal style language. It puts up unnecessary barriers and limits my ability to speak fully. Other members of the community have presented plenty of evidence and cited other studies and cases that support our position against the Green Cove development. What I will do in this letter is use my natural speech to convey my thoughts and observations. I hope that is sufficient to reach you.

I remember clearly how neighbors at the meeting last February showed how important this land is ecologically, how mistreated and toxified it has been for decades, how the city's own assessment of it labeled disrupting it as extremely hazardous. The hazards with this piece of land are obvious. I am very confused as to why this development hasn't been shut down yet.

Our water is at stake. Olympia's most precious and iconic resource. While other parts of the country (and world) are struggling for clean water, we're known as a haven. We can turn on the faucet and drink water that is good and nourishing. We can spray it directly on our gardens. We can put it in cups for our kids to drink. That is sadly becoming a rare thing in the world.

This development threatens our water. Firstly, it directly threatens the wells of Cooper Point. All those people who drink well water would have to test and filter their water. And when testing proved contamination of the wells, the city would have to pipe city water out to all the residents of the peninsula, which would be expensive to say the least. Secondly, it indirectly threatens the health of all of us, including any members of council who drink out of the tap. If this aquifer is contaminated—and this development *would* contaminate it—it could mean devastation for our whole delicate water system. Do you want to be drinking creosoted water?

Those who have conducted testing and assessment of the land and project impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, being as they were hired by the proposed developers, can not be trusted to be impartial. In our current economic system, there is an incentive to twist the facts, to manipulate, to lie, to gently calm the concerns of anyone with lukewarm objections, to skew data, to blithely gloss over toxic conditions, to do anything necessary to make sure they come out on top. I urge you not to not trust these developers. They may be fine and nice people to talk to, but their motive is profit—it's written into the fabric of our economic reality. Business comes first, not health or intangible ideas of morality. They have no mandate to care about what happens to us after they get paid.

What's my motive? I want to be able to drink clean water. I want my friends' wells to be safe to drink from. I want to have a neighborhood that isn't wrecked by floods of greasy stormwater and insane amounts of traffic.

It is *your* motive, I hope, to care about this community. The residents who will be directly, immediately affected by this development have spoken. The community you represent has told you what they need. A precious natural resource is at stake. Destroying it is permanent. There are other places to build houses (hopefully ones that people can actually afford).

I don't want my concerns assuaged by the developers. I don't want to be countered and soothed by the smooth legal talk of people whose motive is not centered in a sustainable, wholistic community vision. It is *your place* to have that vision—to see the community's needs, to listen to its people. Please shut this development down for good.

If there is anything else I can do that would help convince you to deny this development, please let me know. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Devin River

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(Name change in progress. Former names include Christine Anderson and Devin Anderson.)

Cari Hornbein

From: September Yew <septemberyew@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2019 11:06 AM
To: Cari Hornbein
Subject: Green cove park.

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It is apparent that you have a conflict of interest with meeting with Heather Burgess behind closed doors and are pushing through with this project without full addressing and being active with the reassessment of neighbors concerns about testing for the correct toxins and in the testing locations deep enough.

This plot will affect me directly. My well water supply drink and bathe in, the amount of traffic and noise that will increase exponentially without having proper infrastructure. And will increase the amount of money spent for the city and its tax payers instead of the developers and owners.

We need to know. How far along is this to getting approved, and what time lines you have with this project. So the neighbors can take legal and direct action against the city and this development.

This is immoral to ignore the 50-100 residents that show up every meeting and continue with this project.

You are not acting within the cities and publics best interest.

I again further oppose this project for it will:

- * Directly affect the city's own well within the green cove watershed.
- *It will disturb & affect the immediate neighboring water supplies and wells negatively. Putting residents at risk for extra extra costs to maintain a clean water source.
- *Will disturb current water flows changing and having an environmental impact downstream
- *increase the amount of toxins released by proposed development residents into the watershed. Even with state approved Environmental safeguards. Increased exposure to accidents, earthquakes, piping breaking and eroding and automobile leaks, will EXPONENTIALLY increase the further contamination of our water supplies.
- *The developers hired environmental assessment is not testing for correct toxins that have been documented and told to you that are on proposed site. As well are not testing deep enough and in areas that are in the prior low points before the illegal dumping and already within the best interest for pushing this development through as fast as possible.
- *this prosed development will affect critical habitat for the salmon down stream. Salmon protected by the endangered species act.
- *Meeting behind closed doors with developers, owners, chamber of commerce and their lawyers shows you do not have the public interest in mind. And are within a range of legal consequences if a ethic commission where to pursue and investigate this. Furthering the financial and legal consequences for the city and taxpayers.

To continue this development is unethical and immoral.

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Cari Hornbein

From: Esther Grace Kronenberg <wekrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Cari Hornbein
Subject: Green Cove Park Project

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Hi Cari,
I'm following up on my phone calls to you today and yesterday.

I would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the October 31 meeting that you and your staff held with Jerry Mahan, his attorney, Heather Burgess, Craig Deaver and Lori Harvey of C.E.S., a representative from Pioneer Consulting, and Doug Mah. I request these minutes be posted on the Green Cove Park Project webpage for public viewing.

There appear to be some problems I would like to discuss further.

Also, the previous filings on this site and the comments submitted by Mr. Dierker, Mr. Robinson and others are not on the City website. I request that these materials be posted so that the public can have a complete view of the history of this site.

Please call me at 360-867-1988 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.
Esther Kronenberg

Cari Hornbein

From: Esther Kronenberg <wekrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 6:27 PM
To: Cari Hornbein
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: Re: Green Cove Park Project

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Hi Cari,

I'm sorry to hear you're so busy, but you did say the meeting notes would be available November 12. It's already 2 weeks after the meeting and the public is still in the dark about what transpired. I don't understand why notes need to be revised and why the developer has any right to revise the notes taken by the City. It does not appear to be a transparent process, as I wrote to you previously, nor does it inspire trust in the process the City chose to take in holding this meeting without recording it or allowing a member of the public to be present.

The previous filings I would like to see posted are for Mr. Mahan's previous projects at the site since he acquired it in 2005, and the public comments that were received at those times. Since you have been involved with this site since the outset, I trust you can retrieve them quickly.

Thank you.
Esther

Sent from cyber heaven

On Nov 13, 2019, at 6:10 PM, Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Hi, Esther -

I've been buried in another project deadline and preparing the meeting notes so I apologize for not responding right away. Once I'm done (hopefully tomorrow), they need to be reviewed internally and by the applicant. Depending on how long these reviews and any revisions take, it could be next week before posting on the website.

Can you please clarify what you mean by previous filings? Also, which of Jerry's and Roger's comments are you referring to? If I have a little more information to work with (e.g., content, dates submitted), it will streamline my search.

Thanks, and have a good evening.

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Cari Hornbein

From: northbeachcomm@cs.com
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Cari Hornbein; Tim Smith
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: 181 Houses on Cooper Pt RD: Green Cove Park Development, Oly., WA

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Dear Olympia City Council;

Date: November 13, 2019 at 6:26:54 PM PST
To: Cari Hornbein <chornbei@ci.olympia.wa.us>

Nov. 14, 2019

Hello City of Olympia Planner, Cari Hornbein;

You told our Elliott/ Burbank Neighborhood groups, that we could not attend the City of Olympia Meeting on the proposed "Green Cove Park" development, 181 houses on Cooper Pt RD. Then you allowed the developer to bring in his own friends, and his staff for the meeting. We have not heard or seen any notes regarding your private meeting with the developer. We need transparency.

You said the meeting notes would be available to the public on November 12. It's already 2 weeks after the meeting and the public is still in the dark about what transpired. I don't understand why notes need to be revised and why the developer has any right to revise the notes taken by the City. It does not appear to be a transparent process. This does not inspire trust in the process the City chose to take in holding this meeting without recording it or allowing a member of the public to be present. We are shocked and disappointed in City staff.

The previous filings I would like to see posted are for the developer's, Mr. Mahan's, previous projects at the site since he acquired it in 2005, and the public comments that were received at those times. Since you have been involved with this site since the outset, I hope you can retrieve them quickly.

Thank you,
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Cari Hornbein

From: Esther Grace Kronenberg <wekrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Cari Hornbein
Subject: Green Cove

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Dear Cari,

I'm writing in the hopes you can help clarify a few things about the Green Cove Project.

The December 2018 stormwater plan submitted by C.E.S. states on page 13 "Additionally, portions of the developed site will be directed to 1 of 5 existing onsite wetlands and to the existing Green Cove wetland located on the west side of Cooper Point Rd. to maintain wetland hydrology to the maximum extent possible. ..Stormwater runoff from all of the internal plat roads and portions of Cooper Point Road will be directed to either one of the proposed wetpond/detention ponds or to the standalone wetpond."

The Department of Ecology in their inspection of the site on February 27, 2015 stated the Permittee, Mr. Mahan, had to ensure that all stormwater sediment be retained onsite.

I recently spoke with Jerry Dierker, and he mentioned that you had told him that there would be no dumping of stormwater into wetlands, as required by the Clean Water Act, and that because the wetland in the northwest corner had been filled, it would be used as a stormwater pond in the current plan.

Could you please clarify what the status is of Wetlands A and D in the northwest corner, and how they figure into the applicant's stormwater plan?

Also, do you know when we can anticipate the Work Plan to investigate the site for contaminated soils?

Thanks,
Esther