

From: Jim Knudson <jmrolympia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 2:54 PM
To: Paula Smith
Cc: Jim Knudson
Subject: Alex Vo project near Decatur Woods

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am opposed to this development project as currently envisioned. There are drainage issues, traffic flow issues, and lack of adequate open space set aside among other issues.

Please let me know 1) when the new comment deadline is and 2) when the review of the latest proposal will be completed.

I believe in "in-filling" where city services exist. They must be proportional to the surrounding area and consideration given to the existing neighborhood. This project does not do this.

Sincerely,

Margaret Knudson

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Olympia, WA 98502

From: George Sullivan <gdsullivan3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 7:58 AM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: Alex Vo proposed development ; Wellington Heights

Ms Smith,

I wish to restate my opposition to Mr Vo's development plans here on Olympia's west side. The character of this, my neighborhood is negatively impacted by the volume of traffic currently. As you may know, ours' is a neighborhood of young families and old. People walk the neighborhood with their children, their dogs, their parents and their friends. Cars routinely speed and run stop signs (I watch them from my home at the intersection of Thomas & 5th) Buses amble through on their regular schedules.

I find it beyond incredulous that the proposed Wellington Heights project would not negatively impact us further. We're at maximum carrying capacity as it is for the kind of of neighborhood we love and the traffic we must contend with. More cars, vans and pickups will irreparably degrade this community.

Also, please advise me on when the comment period will open and close for the public's input on this project. Thank you.

George D Sullivan
1506 5th Ave SW

Sent from my iPad

From: Billy Simmons <wsimmons83@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 2:49 PM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: I oppose Wellington Heights

Hi Paula,

I'd like to again state my opposition to the Wellington Heights development. Is there a new public comment period deadline I should be aware of?

Thank you kindly,

Billy Simmons
1216 Fern St SW

Sent from my iPhone

From: Terrilyn Burke <tburke@linkageservices.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:35 AM
To: Paula Smith
Cc: Leonard Bauer; Tim Smith
Subject: OPPOSE PROJECT --- Re: City of Olympia- Wellington Heights- Courtesy Notice

Hello Paula,

Thank you for the email.

I would like it noted that I oppose the Wellington Heights project.

In addition to opposing the Wellington Heights project, Paula can you please tell me when the new comment deadline is? I did not see it mentioned anywhere. Also can you please tell me when does the staff think they will complete their review of the new submittals?

I look forward to hearing back from you with the answers to my questions.

Terrilyn Burke

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 20, 2018, at 2:19 PM, Paula Smith <psmith@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

COURTESY NOTICE

***SUBJECT: 18-1315 WELLINGTON HEIGHTS PLAT
REVISION SUBMITTAL***

You are receiving this notice because you are a party of record for the above mentioned project.

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PLEASE NOTE: This notice was sent to everyone on the parties of record list currently on file with the city.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Paula

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From: Ann M. Vandeman <amvandeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: Re: City of Olympia- Wellington Heights- Courtesy Notice

Thanks for this notice Paula. I want to register my ongoing opposition to this project. Given the location, previous development and the risk of environmental degradation (trees, soil, habitat loss), I think development on the scale and density proposed is inappropriate.

When do staff anticipate completing their review of the additional materials? Is there a new comment period and deadline for comments?

Thank you,

Ann

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From: Dan Leahy <danleahy43@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 9:05 PM
To: Paula Smith
Cc: David Smith; Keith Stahley; Steve Thompson; Jeff Fant
Subject: Revised Drainage Report. A question

Paula,

Yesterday I began my review of Chris Merritt's revised Drainage and Erosion report dated July 23, 2018. Your office indicated receipt of this document twenty five days after that on August 17, 2018.

In his March 29, 2018 report, certified by his seal, Mr. Merritt wrote this:

"During multiple site visits since 2005, Olympic Engineering staff has not witnessed any noticeable stormwater discharging from the overflow/bypass pipes into the on-site ditch and there are no apparent indications of stormwater being conveyed through the ditch. We did note indications of a few localized puddles in the ditch." (p. 7)

After reading this paragraph, my neighbor and I sent you numerous photos of a full stream of stormwater running through the entire 9.4 acre parcel.

Mr. Merritt has now deleted the above statement and replaced it in with a new statement in his July report:

"Based on multiple visits, conversations with city staff, and information from neighbors, it is our understanding that the conveyance system that runs through the subject parcel has been operating sufficiently." (p. 8)

This engineer first certified under his seal that there was no noticeable stormwater and now the same engineer certifies that there is a stormwater conveyance system that operates "sufficiently."

My question is: upon what basis should you, city staff or the 147 parties of record believe anything in this report. Do these reports in fact "meet minimum standards of the City of Olympia" as attested to on page 1? Please, tell me.

It's not a question of which statement to accept, but whether we or you should believe anything Chris Merritt "certifies."

On the basis of these contradictory statements alone, the city staff should reject this revised report and the land use application it purports to support.

Dan

cc: SWONA, Decatur Raiders and 147 Parties of Record.

From: Steven Kant <StevenK@workingsystems.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: Wellington Heights Revision Submittal 8/17/18

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing to state my continuing opposition to the Wellington Heights development proposal. The original documents appeared to be mostly boilerplate text and did not address many of the actual realities of the site and the proposed development. The revised submittal seems to be the same as the original with only a few changes.

For example, the revised traffic impact analysis just includes a few words about neighboring streets and a table of accidents. Rather than including any real study, the report just concludes that there will be no significant impact on the rest of the neighborhood. Is this acceptable to the city?

Has this or any other traffic consultant ever concluded that a proposed development would have a significant impact on traffic? If a traffic engineer reported possible significant impacts, would that consultant ever be hired again by a developer?

I urge you to reject this proposal. It is not in the interest of our neighborhood. The only person to benefit will be the developer.

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From: Delores Nelson <deloresknelson@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:59 PM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: Wellington Heights development

Ms. Paula Smith,

I am opposed to the further development of Wellington Heights.

Would you please inform me, as party of record, what is happen now, is there a new deadline for set for the Vo company and for public response to city staff reveiws?

Respectfully,

Delores K. Nelson

From: Bob Delastrada <bobdelastrada@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Paula Smith
Cc: Clark Gilman; Lisa Parshley; Renata Rollins
Subject: Wellington Heights

Dear Paula

I'm writing again to register my objection to the proposal by Alex Vo. I'm not well versed on some of the issues, but that it will become a traffic problem is easy to understand. Decatur will be a heavily traveled thoroughfare and no longer have the quality of a neighborhood street. It will pose a danger for children playing as well as generating pollution in the area.

I have to confess that Alex Vo strikes me as only interested in making money, regardless of what happens to the people who live here. He left after his previous bankruptcy and now says he's back--his motive and abilities are questionable in my mind. I hope these particular concerns be given appropriate weight in your decision making. If the SW neighborhood has to undergo major changes, I'm asking that it not be at this time and the project not given to Mr. Vo and his associate. Eventually, an established developer with a proposal consistent with the cities overall goals, will provide a more appropriate possibility. The current plan simply has as many lots as possible without concern for meeting drainage specifications and landscaping concerns. Saying "no" at this time sends a message to future developers that they need to show proper care and concern for development in Olympia. If people are aware of that, eventually the right sort of projects will materialize!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please keep us informed of meetings and information pertinent to the project.

Bob Delastrada

SW neighborhood

From: Kate Fehsenfeld <katefeh1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: Wellington development

Dear Paula Smith,

As a party of record for the Wellington Heights development I want to restate my opposition to this project. I am not opposed to developing that land with less density if traffic can be diverted in some other way not involving Decatur. I live on 4th Avenue which already has a large amount of cut through traffic. Olympia's little friendly neighborhoods with individual interesting yards should be protected and preserved. When is the deadline for comments? I appreciate your responses. Thank you.

Kate Fehsenfeld