

Paula Smith

From: Chris Merritt <chris@olyeng.com>
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Paula Smith
Cc: danleahy43@yahoo.com; carverchick57@hotmail.com; Leonard Bauer; Tim Smith; Eric Christensen; Steve Thompson
Subject: Response to Public Comments

Paula,

I am addressing comments made by Dan Leahy and Judy Manley (*copied on this e-mail*) in their e-mails to you dated, August 22, 2018 and August 26, 2018, respectively. Specifically, they were discussing the change in text between the March 29, 2018 and July 23, 2018 Preliminary Drainage and Erosion Control Report's related to the overflow/bypass ditch that is intended to convey overflow stormwater runoff from the Wellington West stormwater pond through the subject site. Mr. Leahy states "...whether or not we or you should believe anything Chris Merritt certifies" and Ms. Manley states "...serious doubts about the credibility of Mr. Chris Merritt". I have been a licensed professional engineer for 17-years and do my best to look out for the safety, health, and welfare of the public. I am well respected by the community and take my profession very seriously.

I encourage Mr. Leahy, Ms. Manley, and others to keep in mind that the drainage report is "Preliminary" and that part of the city's preliminary land use process is to allow the public to comment on the application. While we do our best with due diligence in preparing the preliminary design materials, it is common that the public brings forth something that was previously unknown, they may provide useful clarification on something, and so on. That's the benefit of public review, it's encouraged, and it's welcomed.

As you probably know, I have been involved in this project since early 2005 and helped to take it through preliminary plat and construction plan approval at that time (roughly over a period of 2-years). During that 2-year period, I had not witnessed water flowing through the overflow ditch, I do not recall City of Olympia staff mentioning water flowing through the ditch, and I do not recall any neighbors mentioning water flowing through the ditch. To the best of my knowledge, the existing ditch through the subject parcel functions as intended. Regardless, the current design accounts for the anticipated flow through the ditch based on the drainage report and associated engineering calculations completed for the Wellington West project. The proposed ditch will be both wider and deeper and will have rock check dams to help slow the flow.

I hope this helps clarify the nature of the preliminary process and my commitment towards the engineering profession. Mr. Leahy and Ms. Manley are welcomed to contact me directly if they have any further questions or comments.

Thanks,

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From: Joanna Briese <brie0035@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:16 AM
To: Paula Smith; Keith Stahley; Tim Smith; Jeff Fant; Steve Thompson; Cari Hornbein
Subject: Wellington West

Dear Staff,

I am emailing to restate my opposition to this project. I am a SW neighborhood resident. The Wellington West development will take away the last natural buffer between the southwest side and the highway. That will diminish the quality of life for the current residents. It will also take away the habitat of the animals residing on that plot. The impact of that is not known and should be studied more closely. Other, more concrete effects are the storm water overflowing onto the automall and putting precious tax revenue to the city at risk. Also, the traffic through the neighborhood will increase tremendously resulting in diminished quality of life for current residents such as myself and my children. Cars some flying down 7th to Percival as traffic is now.

When the new comment deadlines? Also, when is or was the completion of the review of new submittals?.

Thank you,
Joanna Briese

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From: JOAN HARLOW <joanderbyharlow@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Paula Smith
Subject: Proposed Wellington West Project

Ms. Smith -

As a SW Olympia neighborhood resident and party of record on Alex Vo's plans to install more houses here, I am writing to encourage you and your staff to reject his "Wellington West" proposal. Its' inconsistencies with the Comprehensive Plan are very concerning. Inadequate street access to the project alone should be enough to deny it.

As a property tax payer, I am counting on you to look after the interests of Olympia's residents and shield us from potential for-profit exploitation of a valuable resource -- our homes.

Sincerely,

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