

Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Monday, May 21, 2013.

May 17, 2013

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>May 21, 2013</u>
Item # <u>1</u>
Re: <u>Zoning Amendment</u>
<u>Bylaw 8907</u>
<u>7460 Ash St.</u>

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Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office

Re: Written Submission Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw 8907 [RZ 11-586861]

From: Douglas Nazareth - Owner of 7480 Ash Street, Richmond

I am the immediate neighbor on the south and west of this proposed rezoning. While I understand that the applicant is within his rights to increase the density of the said lot to ZS14 and I wish him well, I wish to place on record the following points and request Council to please act upon them.

1] Trees and Wildlife: From the report you will see that of the 56 mature trees on the land, 45 will be cut down. While I understand that the developer will financially compensate the city to plant saplings elsewhere, this is in direct contradiction to the OCP for South MacLellan where you said that the mature trees in this neighbourhood give it its distinct character and will be protected. I would like to suggest that the number of lots on this property be reduced from 6 to 4. This will allow for many more of the 45 mature and magnificent tree's to be retained. We will also be able to say that we did not have to create a concrete jungle for future generations to come and have stood behind our commitment to the environment that we in Richmond are so proud of. We are spending millions on conservation efforts and going green, yet we will take down such mature trees for two extra lots? There is also a plethora of wildlife in this area such as hawk's nests, coyotes, raccoons and squirrels. Please give this your serious consideration. My request here is to also include a condition that the tree's will only be removed once a building permit is issued for the individual lot. This will ensure that all the trees are not simply razed upon rezoning and an eyesore created for an undetermined period of time.

2] Boulevard: While I understand that the zoning conditions require that the front of my property be developed, my request to Council is that they find the marginal additional funds to extend this boulevard to my neighbour at 7500 Ash Street, immediately to the south. This is because she is a very old, original inhabitant [since 1948] of Ash street and is not very mobile. The sidewalk would be a great help for her to maneuver her motorized scooter to get to her daughters house across this busy street. Please consider using your considerable authority to extend one of our original Richmond residents this convenience.

3] Traffic Calming: Since the mid nineties when the overall plan for South McLellenan was drafted, we have been promised traffic calming along Ash Street and unfortunately after many complaints and traffic studies by the city, we still have vehicles going through at breakneck speeds. Please consider using speed humps along Ash to avoid making our neighbourhood a death trap.

4] Street Lighting: I see that one of the conditions of the rezoning is lighting along Ash street. There is only one light in the front of 7460 Ash and I would like to request that these be changed to two lamp posts, the second one being in front of my property as it is very dark and even pedestrians coming out of Paulik Park or my property run the risk of being hit by traffic due to the poor lighting conditions.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Nazareth', written in a cursive style.

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