

ON TABLE ITEM

Date: July 15, 2019

Meeting: Public Hearing

Item: #4

Schedule 9 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, July 15, 2019.

CityClerk

From: London Station <stationlondon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 07:33
To: CityClerk
Subject: Fwd: Letter to the City
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Good morning,

My neighbour, David Lexier, has asked that I provide this letter on his behalf in advance of tonights public hearing. Please confirm your receipt of same.

Thank you in advance,

Kevin Krygier

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Lexier <dlexier@hotmail.com>
Date: July 15, 2019 at 6:59:09 AM PDT
Subject: Letter to the City

Hi Kevin. I have attached a letter to the city. I would appreciate if you could provide this at the meeting tonight. We really appreciate you attending on the neighborhoods behalf.

Thanks, and let me know how it goes.

Dave

Sent from Outlook



Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office,

We are writing in response to a letter received on July 4, 2019 regarding a requested amendment to exclude 46 properties on Railway Avenue from the Single-Family Lot Size Policy 5420. We would like to express our significant concerns with a change to a significant portion of our single-family home neighborhood.

For background, we have lived in the "Hollies" since 2007. We have raised a young family in the neighborhood and have seen several changes happening before our eyes. This includes the building of monstrous houses and the raising of several multi-family units on Steveston highway. All these decisions have led to various changes in the neighborhood. One of our major concerns is the amount of congestion on the streets in the Hollies.

As it now stands, we can barely let our kids play in our front area due to the traffic congestion. This is a problem throughout our neighborhood. You can drive up and down every street, and you will see cars parked on both sides of the road and the driveways full. This results in one-way traffic occurring in all parts of the neighborhood. Cars having to wait for each other while they take turns making their way down the streets. Adding these many properties, along with the new multi-family homes coming in on Steveston highway will over run our neighborhood with traffic. We already have concerns about allowing my kids to ride their bikes in the neighborhood, and this congestion will only serve to increase our concerns.

As well, with increased congestion, we believe property crime has increased in our neighborhood. Whether this is a result of a more busy area which could lead to less attention being paid to criminals, but I know each of my neighbors has been affected by property crime whether it is a garage or car break-in, or suspicious individuals on our property, it is all very disturbing. We believe that increasing the population, especially rental units and coach houses, will lead to an increase in congestion and a growing transient element to the neighborhood. This is of great concern. We are slowly losing a neighborhood where everyone is familiar with each other, and in turn, watches out for each other and our property. This was the number one reason why we chose to move to the Hollies, for the close-knit community, and we feel the increased in density will be detrimental to the neighborhood.

We of course understand the need to increase density in Richmond as the population grows, however we feel there are better ways of doing this and spreading it out through Richmond. We feel that this proposal is simply a money grab for a developer to use the density problem to increase their profits at the expense of our neighborhood. We feel that extracting an entire half mile block in one neighborhood (in addition to the Steveston Hwy development) to increase that much density is irresponsible by the City of Richmond and has been hastily recommended.

Again, our concerns are not limited to the above, however we feel that both the increase congestion and the introduction of a more transient population to our neighborhood will have a negative effect on our community. Please consider our input as a concerned resident of the Hollies. All we ask for is to have a safe neighborhood to raise our kids and to retain some semblance of the environment that made us choose this area in the first place.

Thank you kindly.

David and Thuy Lexier, 5217 Hollycroft Drive