

Schedule 17 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, April 20, 2020.

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CityClerk

From: Annie Pei <peiyang4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, 19 April 2020 20:01
To: CityClerk
Subject: Re: Office community plan bylaw 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10131 and Richmond zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10130 (RZ 19-858804)

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident in 5580 No 3 Road Orchid building. I would like to voice my personal as well as the building residents' concerns in regards to the rezoning beside our building.

We were one of the first buyers of an Orchid unit and at the time, we were told that the vacant piece of land was also owned by the developer and that no tall buildings will be built to block the views. Although I understand now that this is not the case, and may not be of concern or relevance to you, please note that the majority of the residents were told the same. Therefore, most people would prefer to keep enjoying the view we have over the Landsdowne mall and appreciate the open spaces.

Based on my understanding, as result of rezoning, another 15-story high residential building will be built, with minimal distance from Orchid building. There is also potential issue of privacy should buildings are close to each other. Some units only have one window facing North, with the new building, they would no longer enjoy any view and may even need to block the window for longer time for privacy reasons.

They will access less sunlight, which means colder all season year round - this may be particularly difficult with elderly and young children. Mental issues may result due to lack of sunlight and the feeling of confinement.

Our building's main issue is security, and we have had multiple break-ins already. By adding another rental units building beside ours will increase our security exposure, by the mere fact that traffic is increased and drawing greater attention from potential offenders as the buildings are densely located. Please note that our 3rd floor terrace is a common area, and I am afraid the 5th story building would have the ability to access our common area as they are very close to each other.

The construction of the building would cause additional disturbance to the units. Please consider this as many companies will revisit the work from home policy as result of COVID19 situation, and more and more people might be working from home in the long term. The noise, dust from the construction site will decrease quality of life, disturb work productivity and may cause health issues to sensitive group of individuals (elders, children).

Parking - right now Prada and Orchid are sharing one high-traffic path to get into the parkades. I understand the parkade lane will be enlarged to accomodate new traffic, however, as both buildings are heavily reliant on the path, construction in the area will cause further congestion to what it is already.

I urge your attention to address these matters as quality and comfort of life is core to Orchid's residents.

Regards,
Annie

