

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Proposed change to site of child care facility in River District

From: allison sullings s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed change to site of child care facility in River District

Mayor and Council:

As you prepare to discuss issues around this proposal at Tuesday's meeting, I have several points to make as a long time resident of Fraserlands East.

1. The green field in question on East Kent Ave. South has always operated as an open area for dog owners to meet, frisbee players, walkers, special events such as the recent O2 run on a weekend, which drew many, many walkers, runners families and canopies, food etc after the event. Kite fliers, children and dogs running freely on this open space along the river.
2. The value of green space left free without heavy landscaping and infill cannot be overestimated, especially here where so much habitat has been ripped out to accommodate development. This has been detrimental to the residents and the birds and other wildlife that have been displaced along the riverside. I continue to be disappointed and distressed that this self described 'Green Council' has allowed development on such scale and speed in this area, without considering the lives of the many people already living here.
3. Re: the question of traffic fumes affecting daycare children in the site designated near Town Centre, east of Kerr, consider the many schools, daycare facilities already in existence in the city, with never this question raised to date by City planners. It makes one wonder at the motivation behind these revised plans.

Please take stock of these views and similar ones raised by my neighbours, and pause to reconsider the wisdom and long term ramifications for the entire community here.

Allison Sullings

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Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:26 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: East Fraser Lands (river district) development plan

From: ROB M s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 5:37 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: East Fraser Lands (river district) development plan

Mayor and council, I am writing this e-mail, in hopes you will re-consider the placement of the new childcare facility slated for the area between Kerr street & Jellicoe Street.

Currently this area is a park, and has been for many years.

With new construction in the area, green space is a valued space for all residents in the area, as well as residents from other parts of the city, who want to enjoy one of the last remaining water-front areas in the city.

In the last few weeks, there has been a proposal put forward to city council to build a new day-care facility on the land that currently is zoned for park land.

Originally, the child care facility was to be constructed closer to the river district area, between kerr street & boundary road.

Throughout the years, this mayor and council has made it their mission to keep existing green space, and expand on it, in cases where the public would benefit from said areas, well, in this case, the green space is already here, and no work, no construction and money is needed to be spent!

As a resident of the area for the last many years, I have had the opportunity first hand to enjoy the park space on many occasions, from playing sports, to running and jogging, and biking in the area.

If the park land is developed, it will greatly affect the entire area, as well as negatively impact the many residents whom enjoy the park space year round.

The new child care facility should be built on the land it was originally intended for, in the river district construction zone.

If the city and developer want a new area for zoning & new construction, than make the best of the area that is zoned for, and leave the existing parkland as is and it can be enjoyed for many years to come.

If this parkland is developed, it will be gone forever, with all the new construction happening in the area over the next few years, this green space will become even more of a central hub for people to enjoy than it is now.

I strongly oppose any development of the parkland, and many of my neighbours have written city council to have their voices heard, I urge you as mayor and council, to deny the rezoning application to build a child care facility in the existing park space.

I am all for new child care spaces, we know as a city, we are sorely lacking in that area, but as a city, we are always told from every level of government, how we live in the best place on earth, and we cherish and value what great space we have, so why take away a space that is already here?

Mayor Robertson and council I hope you will listen to the many people who oppose this motion for re-zoning, and will deny the amendment to of the existing park land to child care facilities.

Thank you kindly.

Rob M.

Vancouver

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:27 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: SAVE THE PARK. East Fraser Lands River District official development plan amendments

From: dan lewis s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 6:25 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: SAVE THE PARK. East Fraser Lands River District official development plan amendments

I am submitting this email to voice my complaint about the proposed use of the grass field at West Fraser lands for the development of a future daycare facility. With the coming increased density in the area the only remaining open field will be increasingly in demand and should not be developed. There should be ample space in the East Fraser lands development site to place a daycare facility without destroying the park. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. thank you for your consideration

/Dan Lewis

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:28 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: East Fraser Lands (River District)

-----Original Message-----

From: Angela [REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 10:01 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: East Fraser Lands (River District)

Re: Re-locating Childcare Facility

As long-time residents of Vancouver living in the River District we would like to voice our concerns for the amendment to the development of the East Fraserlands proposed location of a childcare facility to the West Fraserlands.

We understand that the field west of Kerr Street in the West Fraserlands has never been zoned as a dedicated park space but we would appeal to the city councillors to reject the proposal to build a childcare facility on this field and change the zoning to keep it as park space. The East Fraserlands development could adequately and comfortably accommodate daycare facilities that could be incorporated into the proposed building plans for that area. Also from a purely practical standpoint, this is not the best place to be dropping off and picking up children morning and afternoon. Parking is very limited and the very design of the area would lead to increased congestion. A quick visit by a city planner or engineer would confirm the unsuitability of the spot for such a use.

We have lived in Vancouver for 30 years and have witnessed the very rapid growth and densification of the city. We have also watched the price of homes in Vancouver rise to unaffordable prices for most modest income families. Recently there have been comments from experts that rather than expect to own a single family dwelling in Vancouver families should "lower their expectations" and that means living in apartments or perhaps town homes. So that makes our green spaces and parks throughout the area even more important as these now essentially become our backyards! This is a matter of quality of life taking precedence over financial gain and we would like to see our city councillors take a stand for this as we see our city and outdoor spaces quickly disappearing. Once a park or green space is gone we can never get it back!

Thank you for your considered attention to this matter.

J & A Vranic

Sent from my iPad

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:29 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Daycare on Westfraserlands park grounds

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From: Esther Moreno
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 11:24 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: RE: Daycare on Westfraserlands park grounds

I have lived in this community for 7 years now. My husband and I are raising two children here and love the greenery that the Riverfront Park area offers us. We pick berries in this park, fly kites every year running on these fields and have enjoyed many picnics both impromptu and planned.

As a parent, I am well aware of the hardship many of my neighbors go through in trying to find daycare in this area. The only options within a 5 km radius are daycares run out of people's homes. They are few and far between and they vary drastically in appearance and quality of care from one place to the next. I am fortunate enough to be a stay home mom, but every year I help link mamas with daycares as I am well connected in this neighborhood. So a daycare center of this size would be welcomed for sure. It would give so many more families a guaranteed standard of care and one that could be delivered very close to home.

However, I have been discouraged with the proposed change process. It left many of us with a very bad taste in our mouths. As you are aware from Kirsten's report, the notice that was sent out in November did not specifically mention that the change would affect land west of Kerr. And sadly when myself and others contacted Kirsten she was adamant that the city would not grant us another open house. To her credit she did acknowledge that it was poorly worded. Unfortunately, in Kirsten's recent report the numbers are not given for how many community members e-mailed to express their outrage/disappointment over the lack of information provided in the November open house advert. The good news is that despite Kirsten being very clear on Friday, April 8th that an open house would not occur, I went ahead and used my community e-mail list to give my neighbors a chance to speak their mind by providing them with the comment link Kirsten had given me. It would appear that my e-mail that went out that evening must have generated quite a response, because the following Friday, April 15th my follow-up call to Kirsten was met with some fabulous news. A new open house would be offered and the cards were being mailed out that day. I was so pleased and proud of the community for coming together and collectively expressing our concerns. But this pleasure was mixed with a sense of sadness over the "backdoor" feel of that original November notice.

I understand that despite what I have to say in this e-mail, the area we are debating is already zoned and with or without our community input the City can proceed. Nevertheless, I am dismayed by the turn of events. The City made a commitment to build a certain number of daycares on the East Fraserlands land. It knew what land parcels were being offered to them and at the time were well aware of the one parcel in question's proximity to Marine Drive. I feel that the City had an opportunity to say no to that land and request another. That did not happen.

I have also been listening to various radio interviews with regards to this proposal and have been further discouraged. The trend in Vancouver is that public hearings do little to change the City's plans.

To regain my confidence that this Council hears and responds to the needs of its constituents, I would ask that you give us a timeline that has this daycare being built within the next 5 years. Not 8 – 10 as would have been the case if it was built on that land next to Marine. At the open house, I chatted with Brad Jones (Wesgroup) and he had requested the same thing and discussed this with Kirsten. Sadly, he informed me that Kirsten had expressed no interest in committing to a timeline. However, one of the information panels on display at the open house clearly implied an earlier delivery. I would ask for a commitment – not an implication - from the City to build this daycare for us – the constituents living west of Kerr – and to build it within the next 5 years. If the counter argument is that you are waiting for the residents in East Fraserlands to move in, then please don't take our green space away for 8 – 10 years. Leave it for us to enjoy and use. Then, when those individuals arrive build them their daycare on the four parcels of land you originally committed to East of Kerr.

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 11:42 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Letter of Opposition - Public Council Meeting June 21, 2016 - Proposed Amendment to relocate the EFL daycare site to the WFL site @ 3010 E Kent Ave. S, Vancouver

Importance: High

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 11:15 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Re: Letter of Opposition - Public Council Meeting June 21, 2016 - Proposed Amendment to relocate the EFL daycare site to the WFL site @ 3010 E Kent Ave. S, Vancouver
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Robertson/Council:

I will start out by saying that I am in complete **opposition** to the EFL daycare site being relocated to 3010 E Kent S on the WFL side & **opposed to any development** on the approximate 6.5 acres of natural greenfield on SE Kent Ave. (also referred to as Riverfront Park inclusive of 3010 SE Kent Ave., Vancouver.

My position is to keep the greenfield (3010 SE Kent Ave. & all approximate 6.2 acres) free from development, **rezone** to "green space in perpetuity" & **continue to use as a park & community amenity as it has been for 20 years.**

Vancouver professes to be a City that wants to be the greenest City in the world which is laughable, because you cannot accomplish this by destroying the environment, continuing to take away natural green spaces & by densification: once again we are faced with losing a large natural greenfield to development.

Furthermore, the timing of this particular zoning amendment to a CD1 was back in 1989, well before any buildings existed on East Kent South; therefore, this CD1 **zoning needs to be re-addressed and amended** in keeping with the status of residential buildings and also must be inclusive of input from the immediate community in the WFL who are directly impacted by this zoning.

Fundamental fairness: One of the foundational truths of land use law is that **equal properties should be treated equally**; this is definitely not the case here.

- You have **spot-zoned** & isolated this one parcel of land as a commercial designation on a greenfield situated mid-block in a subdivision, without regard to its surrounding designations
- This is **obviously not a logical or desirable land use pattern.**
- The **timing** of this particular **zoning was back in 1989**, well before any buildings were on East Kent South, along with ever changing district development, **the zoning needs to be amended with the inclusion of the immediate community in the WFL being involved in this process**
- You have the whole EFL side to put a school and daycares in and you only have **1 natural greenfield & most importantly - the last waterfront in Vancouver.**
- This greenfield has been enjoyed by immediate & external communities & has **served & been enjoyed as an amenity & park for 20 years!** for this District. This large greenfield is the crown jewel of this whole district and once it is gone it is gone forever: you cannot bring it back - **it is priceless.**
- Building a daycare & school on this greenfield will result in

Lack of proper Public consultation:

- When I questioned Kirsten (February 2016) as to why we were not given a voice or public hearing she advised that invitations had been sent out to 1600 households in November of 2015: after speaking to my neighbours, none of us received the invitation; then later I came to find out that the invitation made reference to the EFL and NOT the WFL, so even for those who may have seen it would have ignored it because the message was not clear
- At a later point in time I was advised that we may not even get another open house as we had our chance at the November 2015 open house - I objected via email and again, at a later date was advised we would receive an invitation and be granted another open house (May 4, 2016)
- After the May 4th open house we had a very short window of the time to get our petition signatures & feedback in by the deadline date.

The lack of transparency on public information:

weighted more towards developers, as well as insufficient dialogue with neighbourhood residents, lack of transparency & not allowing residents in on the plans, poor consultation, lack of meaningful community input and lack of appeal process to prevent bad development from occurring in the first place.

- the lack of public knowledge, no signage, informational disclosure, transparency & the secrecy behind this greenfield zoning along with future development plans was such a surprise to all of us and has created chaos.
- I don't want to live right next to a daycare & school - this is not what I signed up for and as a result am being forced out of my home - this is highly unfair & should be illegal. Spot zoning should be illegal.
- The complete disregard & treatment of all of us living here is not something I expected from my elected Mayor or officials.
- This lack of transparency is causing great difficulties, financially & emotionally for some of the elders in this building who do not have another move in them, and for those of us who wanted to stay here & considered this our forever home - this truly is shameful. **We count on you, the Mayor and our Council members; all elected officials to act in our best interest and we trust you to do this; please don't let us down.**

Lack of full disclosure:

- I have spent hours, days, weeks & now months on collecting tidbits of information, the last & most important piece I just discovered on Thursday June 16th, after speaking to Kirsten - all this time I and everyone else had no idea.
- My understanding is that, regardless of the outcome at the upcoming Public/Council meeting on June 21st, 2016, to move the EFL daycare site from the EFL to the WFL (there is a daycare that can be built here without Council approval anyways) at any time.
- Why are we being put through the paces of a public hearing when we lose either way, no matter the outcome - this is unbelievable and we deserve much better than this from our elected officials.

Other considerations as to why not to build on this greenfield:

- Pollutions (air, water, noise, visual)
- increase in neighbourhood traffic
- lack of adequate parking
- Open space lands are disappearing at an increasingly rapid rate!
- worse air quality than what we already have - we are at the bottom of the soup bowl so all of the car exhaust, etc. sinks to the bottom & we breathe it in - I can smell it in my home on many occasions.
- In addition, parks and green space deliver environmental health value as carbon sinks, biodiversity, and habitat. Moreover, managing rainwater infiltration and storm water with green infrastructure (e.g. swales, permeable landscapes) can be more effective and less costly than traditional hard infrastructure (e.g. pipes in the ground).
- negative health effects from major air pollution down here
- loss of light

- Impact on wildlife - this is a throughway for coyotes & other wildlife; they have no where to go; you are killing wildlife with your total disregard for wildlife & this is not acceptable
- we all understand that development, deforestation and climate change are largely to blame for the recurrent floods and **being in a floodplain**, it is not a matter of if but when this area will flood. This greenfield can absorb excess rainstorm water mitigating & lessening the severity of a flood - Flooding can be exacerbated by increased amounts of impervious surface
- Common sense dictates that from what we know now we should deploy hazard avoidance measures. For example, do not expand homes, in this particular case, a childcare centre & a school into known hazard-prone locations;(which this field is)
- The City of Vancouver and Wesgroup has and is willingly putting people; children in at-risk-communities such as this one, in this case placing a childcare facility and school on a floodplain greenfield
- By putting a school and daycare in our backyard in the middle of a residential block, feet away from our building, you are lowering our standard of living
- practices that may be effective in the short term but definitely not in the long term - we are still ignoring all the warning signs (areas tampered with by humans) we have all the resources and information at hand but are still choosing to ignore it!
- Parks and green spaces can provide a habitat for wildlife, as well as support ecosystem functions such as air and water purification, and flood protection.
- Parks measurably improve the property values of nearby condos/homes, boost tourism, and play a key role in attracting residents – particularly workers that build a diverse local economy.
- block sunlight to our yards & gardens, existing mature trees, green landscapes
- Failure to maintain investment in green space is a false economy.

I feel that the decision to place a daycare & later a school beside our building, clearly shows a total disregard for our community & the impact on residents in the immediate vicinity, is prejudice on your part towards your Citizens and an East side Community that is not as affluent as the West side; as well, your decisions are weighted more towards developers, your stakeholders, shareholders & builders.

In closing I urge the City of Vancouver to live up to its' promise to become the "greenest City in the world" and make the right decisions accordingly.

Kind Regards,

R Fischer

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Save Our Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 3:15 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Save Our Park

I would like to voice my opposition to the plan involving building a daycare on the last large greenspace in the west Fraserlands area. In renegeing on the promise to locate daycare in the River District, you are destroying an important amenity to build another. With thousands of new residents locating to the area, this well-used field/park will become even more important in the future. It's destruction does nothing to address a greener vision for Vancouver. This is an extremely short-sighted and ill conceived plan. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,
Carol Southgate

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 1:44 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Regarding the park at 3010 E. Kent

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From: deedee
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 12:07 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Regarding the park at 3010 E. Kent

To the Mayor and Council,

I attended the official launch of the new Seniors and low income rental housing at the foot of Jellicoe. Mayor Robinson said that the low rental will be a help for Seniors. I asked Mayor Robinson if he had considered that the Seniors would not be able to get up the steep hill to the bus. The bus does not run frequently. The Mayor suggested that the transit was a Provincial concern.

I also would like to ask the Mayor if he and Council had considered the ability of the Seniors to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Where would they go? To the park of course. If you put the daycare in that green space, the limited space would be very crowded. The park is very, very well used by many people all the time. Please, put the daycare back to its original place. Leave the park for the people who need it. Please, listen to the residents. I appreciate your taking the time to read my request. Donna Davies – a very concerned Senior living across from the park.

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 1:44 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: River District - daycare location change

From: Bruin, Penny
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: River District - daycare location change

Dear Mayor and Council:

We are not able to attend your meeting on June 21st when you will hear delegations on the change in location for one of four daycares in the River District area. So we are writing to you to ensure you hear our voice and concerns in regards to this new proposed plan to build one of the daycares on the Fraserland's large grass field west of Kerr Street at 3010 SE Kent Avenue.

We are opposed to this proposal and feel that the daycare should be built in the original planned location as part of the River District master plan.

This park space property is well used by the community and one can see people interacting regularly through sporting events, picnics, walkathons and playing with children and dogs.

Change in Community values - Yes we understand this property was originally in the 1989 long term master plan for this area of Vancouver as a potential site for a school etc. as was the lot further west of this property which now has become part of the Community Trust as affordable housing. But 1989 is almost 30 years ago and the community wishes and values are much different now. Green space, the environment and a work life balance is a major value and in fact a necessity within a community. So by taking away this green space from the community west of Kerr Street defeats the purpose of maintaining green space in our communities.

Increase in density west of Kerr Street - And yes there is the Riverfront Park at 2750 SE Kent Avenue and that too is well used however, we have two more construction sites in this area – for condos and affordable housing that I note above – where by more people will be living in this area increasing density so both park spaces are needed into the future.

We urge you to reconsider this change in plans and convince the developer to build the daycare in the original planned location closer to the new River District Town Centre and NOT on the well-used and appreciated grass field in the west Fraserland area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Penny Bruin and Randy Schwindt

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