

Cedar Cottage Cohousing Rezoning Public Hearing

Closing Remarks from the Applicant (Colin Angel)

Thank you Mr. Mayor and Councillors for your attention over these past 2 evenings. I want to clarify a couple of things for your information.

Some speakers have questioned whether this project has support in the surrounding neighbourhood. In my hand, I hold 16 copies of letters signatures of support from neighbours in the two block radius around the property. I would also like to highlight the 140 letters and signatures in support of our project that have come from the wider KCC area. These letters are among the hundreds of pieces of correspondence sent to you over the past six months.

Through our work with the planning staff and feedback from the community and UDP, our massing and elevations have gone through a number of iterations. So far, we have lowered the height by 40 feet, we have made changes to the facade, removed a floor from the common amenity area, and increased side yards.

As I confirmed for Council last night, this design continues to evolve and we will continue to work with our own community, with neighbours and with city staff to make improvements and respond to concerns. We are committed to working with staff to resolve the issues of the front facade of the building, and alter the design so it fits in better with the neighbourhood.

We appreciate the opportunity to present this project -- Vancouver's first cohousing project -- to you, and thank you for your consideration. I speak for all of the prospective future residents of Vancouver cohousing when I say that it is our sincere hope that the proposed cohousing on East 33rd avenue will be known not only as Vancouver's first cohousing, but as our home.

Thank you.