

Tuerlings, Leslie

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 2:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Letter of support for the Rezoning and Development Permit Application - 1155 Thurlow Street (1108 Pendrell Street) (DE417385).

From: Angus Praught s.22 (1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 1:08 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Letter of support for the Rezoning and Development Permit Application - 1155 Thurlow Street (1108 Pendrell Street) (DE417385).

Dear Mayor and Council:

As a long-time resident and business person residing in Vancouver's West End, I am writing to you in support of the Rezoning and Development Permit Application - 1155 Thurlow Street (1108 Pendrell Street) (DE417385).

Upon review of the details of the application, it is my understanding that the mixed use of the building will include community services, as well as market and non-market rental housing, which would provide additional needed rental housing for this area and affordable rental housing for some who wish to continue to reside in the community, but otherwise could not afford to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Angus Praught
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Tuerlings, Leslie

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 2:49 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Central Presbyterian Church rezoning

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From: Paul M. Taylor s.22 (1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 2:36 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Cc: Rev. Jim Smith; Gillan Jackson

Subject: Central Presbyterian Church rezoning

Dear Mayor and Council,

As I am not able to attend the hearing this evening, I would like to state my support for the rezoning proposal for Central Presbyterian Church in the West End. I have been incredibly pleased with the way in which Central Presbyterian Church has engaged the community around this proposal. They have provided ample opportunities to share information, solicit feedback and work collaboratively. Central Presbyterian Church does incredible work in the community and regularly attend the Seniors Community Planning Table (West End) that we host at Gordon Neighbourhood House.

I support the zoning change from RM-5B to CD-1 to allow for the development of a 22-storey mixed use building comprised of a church, child day care facility, one retail unit, and a total of 213 dwelling units. I am especially pleased to hear that 21% of the units will be secured as non-market social housing. As you are aware, there is significant need for social housing in our community and I greatly applaud Central Presbyterian Church for their efforts to help expand the number of available social housing units in the community.

Central Presbyterian Church currently operates a Food Bank Depot for our community out of the Church. Gordon Neighbourhood House has agreed to work alongside both Central Presbyterian Church and the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society to transition to Food Bank Depot to Gordon Neighbourhood House during the period of redevelopment.

They provide regular updates to local seniors and senior serving organizations we have found that to be very helpful to the community. I support their proposal without reservation. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

best,

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Paul M. Taylor
Executive Director, Gordon Neighbourhood House

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Seniors Community Planning Table - West End (UWLM)

Sharon Isaak,
Gordon Neighbourhood House

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July 15, 2014

Re: Rezoning Application 1155 Thurlow St- Central Presbyterian Church

Dear Mayor and Council,

As the Coordinator of the Seniors' Community Planning Table in the West End, I am writing to express support on behalf of the Seniors Community planning Table for the redevelopment project currently proposed at Central Presbyterian Church outlined below:

"If approved, the zoning would change from RM-5B (Multiple Dwelling) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. The proposal is for a 22-storey mixed use building comprised of a church, child day care facility, one retail unit, and a total of 213 dwelling units of which 168 would be secured as market rental housing and 45 would be secured as social housing. The proposed floor space ratio (FSR) is 9.45 and height is 63m (207ft.)."

The 45 non market social housing units currently proposed as seniors affordable rental housing units are desperately needed in the West End. Furthermore, the West End has not seen dedicated affordable seniors housing built in many years and we need to see more of these types of innovative partnerships between existing Community partners and developers to create even more affordable rental housing stock. It is a model which can be replicated to use land owned by agencies and churches to produce subsidized housing without dependence on government policies.

West End Seniors want to remain in their community but the current rental market is driving many out, people on fixed pensions cannot keep up with market rent increases and high housing costs in Vancouver. The socio-economic benefits of aging in place are well documented. Older adults feel less isolated, they are more connected, have a sense of belonging and a social support network and are familiar with neighbourhood resources and medical supports. We need to create more seniors affordable housing here.

The West End Seniors Community Planning Table commends this project for creating new community amenities and including affordable seniors rental units.

Sincerely,

Sharon Isaak,
Seniors Community Planning Table & Housing Outreach Coordinator
(The West End Seniors Community Planning Table is one of nine regional Planning For Change Seniors Action Tables Funded by United Way of the Lower Mainland)

