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From: Tara Mahoney s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 4:42 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; Andrea Reimer
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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in regard to the development at 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue (the public hearing is today at 6pm).

These are my comments:

- The majority of the large, majestic trees and underground creek should be maintained as part of this development. Considering the CoV's Urban Forest and Greenest City Strategy, cutting down these large old trees is counter to your own policy and will end up costing the tax payer more money to plant new trees instead of leaving these mature trees as they are. Is there a way the majority of the existing trees could be maintained and turned into a public space? Considering the development will increase the use of existing public amenities and parks (Trout Lake, etc.), the developers should contribute back to the commons of the community by leaving the integrity of the mini forest that is there.
- Are the developers contributing to community amenities for this area since they will be profiting from the public amenities (the park, community centre, roads, etc)? I'm concerned that the developer will build private amenities (for use of the building occupants only) further separating and isolating the community rather than bringing it together.
- Perhaps a community/public space within the complex that be utilized at a subsidized rate for a non-profit or community organization? Commercial St is a unique cluster of community organizations (Spartacus Books Collective, Tool Library Cooperative, a bike repair shop, a cafe) and it would be nice to maintain the style of establishment and for these establishments not be pushed out by increasing commercial rental space.
- Are any of the units being devoted to social housing? I believe there should be at least 20% devoted to social housing in order to maintain the economic diversity of the neighbourhood.
- Are the businesses that will be occupying the ground floor affordable? We need food outlets and amenities that are affordable, not luxury.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Tara