

Castro, Maria

From: Bruce Guerin "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:53 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 809 west 23rd Avenue, Vancouver

Hello

I'd like to register my support for the proposed adaptive reuse of the existing building. This structure has sat empty for many years and I'd be happy to see it repurposed.

Thanks,

Bruce Guerin and Lissa Vakomies
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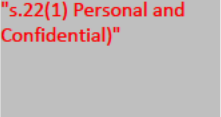
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From: Reilly Wood "**s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**"
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 809 W 23rd Avenue

I would like to register my strong support for this rezoning. It is better than what is currently there.

It is however incredibly depressing that it was cut from 10 units to 6 due to neighbourhood pressure. This is just a short walk from rapid transit, even the original proposal was abysmally low density and now it's even lower?

Reilly Wood

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From: Jonathan Musser "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 809 W 23rd Avenue

To Council:

I am writing in support of the rezoning application for 809 West 23rd Avenue. Addition of density is well established as a requirement for the City, and more widespread moderate density is an excellent way to achieve this and allow more people to enjoy the beautiful back streets of Vancouver. Proximity to Canada Line and walkable nature of the destination make this an ideal site for the proposed development, and the proponent has made excellent accommodation of concerns.

I would prefer that the parking requirement here could be eliminated entirely; as a homeowner I would much prefer not to be forced to pay for a parking space which I do not use. However, this is a broader issue and at this time would like to see Council approve the amended application.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jonathan Musser

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From: Mayor and Council Correspondence
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: CD-1 Rezoning and Heritage Designation: 809 West 23rd Avenue

From: Alan + Kitty "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 8:59 PM
To: Mayor and Council Correspondence
Subject: CD-1 Rezoning and Heritage Designation: 809 West 23rd Avenue

To Mayor Robertson and City Councillors,

I write to offer my strong support of the above referenced housing infill and heritage restoration rezoning project.

This application places affordable dwelling units close to our community centre, close to daycare, close to elementary schools, close to rapid transit and close to hospitals. It retains and restores neglected Douglas Park history, increases housing diversity and most importantly, it welcomes a small number of new residents of varied incomes and life stages within a walkable neighbourhood to support our Community Centre and local businesses.

I have been in contact with the Douglas Park Neighbours Association, attended the community meeting on September 30th and the Vancouver Heritage Commission meeting on 5 October 2015 after reviewing particulars of the project.

The proposed redevelopment of the community building is modest, domestic in scale and acknowledges a number of City-wide policies and specific community vision guidelines. The proposal aligns with the *Heritage Action Plan* which supports heritage conservation (driven by vocal citizen concerns regarding pre 1940's house demolition) and the *Riley Park/South Cambie Community Vision* which calls for preservation of heritage character and new housing types adjacent to parks and community centres. The document "...identifies what people value and want to preserve, what improvements are needed, and how change should occur".

The increase in permitted area negotiated with a conservation approach to retain and restore the existing community building is well grounded. The reduction of four units in the current revision is in my opinion, an unfortunate drop in density and not in the long term interests of the community.

Built in 1927 as the Oak Street United Church, much of the original architectural elements on the exterior have been removed over the years. I support the proposal to reinstate the original narrow wood lap siding; wood sash windows; and the original enclosed central entryway. Dormers sympathetic to the building style will be added to the roof.

The historic integrity of the existing building will not be eliminated. The application includes a detailed Conservation Plan in compliance with Parks Canada *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic*

Places in Canada as a condition of the rezoning approve with a heritage consultant involved on the project to completion.

While not currently on the heritage register, this in no way diminishes the significance of the building. It will be placed on the heritage register if the project moves forward. Few neighbourhood community buildings remain from the early 1900s and this particular structure will be rescued from the inevitability of demolition, through a Class C designation on the Vancouver Heritage Register.

The parking impact to the neighbourhood on this corner lot will be likely be minimal - certainly when compared to the demand of the existing community assembly use.

I urge Mayor and Council to support this rezoning application.

Regards,

Alan Davies

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From: pmocal . "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential)"
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 10:28 PM
To: Public Hearing; Mayor and Council Correspondence
Subject: In Support - 809 West 23rd Avenue Rezoning

Hi there,

I would like to submit this letter in support of the 809 W 23rd Ave Rezoning.

I believe that the previous application should have been approved, before the number of units have been approved.

This application controversy is a reflection of the exclusionary thinking that has exacerbated the affordability crisis in Vancouver. Single family homeowners are refusing to allow mere townhouses near them, when their own houses are already several stories high, and when it allows for a heritage restoration project.

We need a diversity of housing types to complete our neighbourhoods, and to ensure that everybody, including seniors aging and downsizing and young couples starting out, have a place to live.

This project is in-scale with the area and will contribute some much-needed housing that is near transit and in an under-populated neighbourhood.

Please approve this project, with additional units as in the previous application.

Thanks,
Adrian.

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From: Reynald Hoskinson "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 809 W 23rd Avenue

Dear Council,

I would like voice my support for this application, or even a change back to the original proposal with 10 dwelling units. As a parent with two children, I worry that they will not have the same opportunity to live in the city as I have had, as the supply of new housing has become so constrained. Moreover, as a manager in a local technology company I am finding it harder than it should be to attract talent, because it has become so expensive to live here. More compact neighbourhoods also require less of a carbon footprint, which I care strongly about.

Vancouver is a great place to live, and I believe making new places for people to live in existing neighbourhoods will make Vancouver a more dynamic and interesting place in the future. While this application is only a drop in the bucket of the new housing that is needed, it is a start, and so I strongly support it.

Sincerely,

Reynald Hoskinson

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Castro, Maria

From: Albert H. "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application - 809 West 23rd Avenue

Hello council,

I support this rezoning. It's in a location that would be extremely environmentally friendly given its proximity to transit.

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From: P Cox "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Sunday, June 04, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: McGuire, Michelle
Subject: Rezoning Application - 809 West 23rd Avenue

Dear City Council and Planning Staff,

I currently live at West 16th and Willow, a few blocks north of this site. Yes, I rent in a multi-family condo building. This city needs much more multi-family housing, desperately. I am very disappointed that this rezoning application has seen its original proposal of 10 dwelling units reduced to 6. This action by City Planning Staff, in reaction to the complaints of incumbent homeowners, exemplifies everything that is wrong about current planning policy at the City of Vancouver.

This site is located less than a 10 minute walk from the Canada Line. It is also located a block away from one of the City's main cycling routes/arteries, Heather St. Climate change is a real threat to current and future generations. One of the most important ways to tackle climate change is to reduce emissions from personal automobile transport, and to increase housing density close to transit hubs/stations. The City of Vancouver claims to be making strides towards Greening the City for 2020 and beyond. This action by planning staff goes completely against such claims and policy, as it removes 4 possible dwelling units and 2 bike parking spots. Planning staff should be ashamed that they have given in to incumbents (rather than working for voiceless future generations).

A vibrant, healthy, growing city should adapt to change, and accommodate the people and families that contribute to its economy. The City of Vancouver is doing the opposite, turning many neighbourhoods (especially on the West Side, west of Main St.) into frozen museums of multi-million dollar safety deposit boxes. Is the City not aware that the West Side of Vancouver is experiencing population decline in recent years? How is this contributing to the City's economy and future growth?

This proposal at W 23rd would redevelop a drab, window-less eyesore into a welcoming home for several families. It's a shame that the City is actively working to reduce housing options in this family-friendly neighbourhood, rather than supporting an increase in housing options for families that actually live and work in this city.

As a resident of this area, I can only hope that the City reverses its chosen stance to limit dwelling units for this proposal.

Thank you for your time,
Peter