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From: Ronald Fisher
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:51 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Grandview-Woodlands rezoning

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Mayor and Members of council:

We are Schula Leonard and Ron Fisher, and we have lived in Grandview Woodlands for 40 years. We currently have a house on s.22(1) Personal and Confidential, just off Broadway.

Our concerns as regards the proposed rezoning in Grandview Woodlands are that increased density and commercial activity will mean increased traffic on neighborhood roads, which are already overburdened with commuters avoiding the arterial and sub-arterial routes by cutting through on neighborhood streets. This is a long standing complaint from local residents, who have formed several traffic calming groups to focus attention and explore remedies from city hall. Our groups have made several requests through city hall staff, which have supposedly resulted in some traffic counts and safety assessments, but we have not yet heard the results of those surveys, nor of our specific requests.

The closure of 1st avenue for the Fortis upgrade has put this issue squarely in the spotlight. Nor will it get buried and paved over when the pipeline is complete: the projected removal of the Georgia Viaducts will bring a new set of commuters trying to push past rush hour stagnation.

We feel that a rezoning such as this, should be accompanied by a traffic management plan, designed to handle projected increases in traffic, bike routes, and pedestrians. It should deal with traffic in much the same way it deals with density, showing impacts, options, remedies, etc. We again ask for a comprehensive traffic assessment for Grandview-Woodlands in the Fall of 2018.

Like many of the residents of Grandview-Woodlands, we find our street particularly beautiful, with mature trees shading craftsman style houses from Nanimo to Commercial Drive. Beautiful to look at, beautiful to live with, beautiful to walk under. We want council to make protection of the walkability of Grandview Woodlands THE priority in any rezoning or development in Grandview-Woodlands. The whole of the neighbourhood surrounding Commercial Drive needs to be—like the Drive—a fundamentally pedestrian experience. This will mean traffic calming on the south side of first avenue

similar to what the city, and its residents put in place north of first avenue several years ago. This should be funded through development levies, and not placed on local residents who simply want to maintain the quiet dignity of their homes and neighbourhood. As will the 11,000 new residents this rezoning will bring.

You are asking a lot from Grandview-Woodlands; it does not seem too much to ask that we retain the essential character of our neighbourhood in return.

Schula Leonard

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From: Tracy Wong
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 5:37 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law

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Hi,

I am writing to request amendment of the proposed Arterial Townhouse Zoning RM-12N, proposed for 1st Avenue and Nanaimo Street. In particular, can you please remove pt 5 – the option to build T-shaped 4 storey apartment buildings up to 1.7 FSR within this newly identified townhouse zone.

There are so many previous channels that the city have asked for feedback and consultation, including the Grandview-Woodlands Community Plan process, the Citizen's assembly, all the comments are to support densification, but to a moderate level, so as to continue to maintain the community sense in the area, which in most areas in Vancouver, rarely seen by now.

What is the point of going through all the consultation, having this newly identified townhouse zone that have 3.5 storey courtyard townhouses or rowhouses, but now have a clause to allow developers to build 4 storey apartments?

Regards,

Tracy Wong