

From: Jan Kidnie
To: [Public Hearing](#)
Subject: Public Hearing July 18, 2018, Item #2. TEXT AMENDMENTS: Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law – Laneway Home Regulations
Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:10:27 PM

While I am not against increasing densities in our neighbourhood, Point Grey, I am strongly opposed to the way in which the City is going about it. We do not need more liveable housing being torn down, to be replaced by new houses that are regrettable in scale, price and liveability for the average British Columbian family.
Please reconsider these proposed amendments.

Janet Kidnie

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From: Carol Volkart
To: [Public Hearing](#)
Subject: laneway home regulations
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Dear Mayor & Council:

Re: July 18, 2018 Public Hearing item # 2. TEXT AMENDMENTS – Laneway Home Regulations

This is to state my strong disapproval to proposed changes under the *Making Room Program* regarding laneway houses. Without any consultation with neighbourhoods about what would really result in affordable housing, you are planning to allow laneway houses to be higher and bigger and to speed up their approval process by making them an outright use. It looks to me that this is setting up for allowing laneway houses to be allowed on separate title so they can be sold rather than rented.

How can this possibly result in more affordable housing? Surely it will only raise property values once more, once people realize they can get two \$4-million houses on a lot instead of one. This will only increase the push to rip down character houses, which often have basement suites that provide reasonably priced accommodation. For a supposedly green council, there seems to be a failure to recognize that the greenest house is an existing one.

We need a reasoned consultation involving the actual residents of neighbourhoods about changes that will actually improve housing affordability. How about making it cheaper and easier for householders to add a suite to an existing house, for example? Or reducing the crazily expensive regulations that push the price of a laneway house to way beyond what ordinary people can afford?

This plan is being rammed through at breakneck speed by a council that in my opinion has no right to do it since most members are not running for election and will not be accountable for their actions to residents. A nice parting gift to developers, though.

Please halt this plan and allow the next duly elected council deal with it. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Yours truly,

Carol Volkart

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