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From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning

To City planners:

I believe the rezoning is a good idea and long overdue, please continue with rezoning to RT-5 and ignore the NIMBY protestors! .

The sooner the better

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From: Sheppard, Stephen s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Cecilia Achiam
Subject: Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendments RT-8 in Kitsilano

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed zoning changes to TR-5.

I live in the RT-8 Zone, and while I generally support diversification of dwelling units and reasonable densification to improve sustainability, I do have strong concerns on certain issues that I believe should constrain how that densification happens. These concerns include:

- Laneway homes and house structure expansions should not be permitted if they require the removal or significant weakening of mature, reasonably healthy trees. The City is already struggling to achieve its canopy targets, and one of the main reasons for that is the loss of mature canopy on private properties. These trees are critical to climate change adaptation in the near future, eg. storm water management and cooling of the neighborhood, property values, and the character of the neighborhood. The neighborhood is not seeing substantial planting and pre-planting of replacement young trees on public or private land while the older trees remain healthy, to ensure continuity of canopy cover.
- Loss of pervious area due to housing expansion and laneway homes; this is critical to flash flood reduction and groundwater management. There should be a 'no net loss of pervious area' requirement or minimum standards to increase the pervious area and effectiveness of storm water management. If further development reduces pervious area, there should be compensatory reduction of public road surface or paved parking areas to improve water retention and drought tolerance for existing vegetation within the neighbourhoods.
- Loss of character homes purely for increased density would go against the design intent of the current zoning and increase public opposition. This area is already a poster child for reasonable densification in-character, and while there is no doubt room for further densification on some parcels, in my view the majority of this should happen within the existing footprint and character of the building.

I hope these comments are useful and hope that the points raised are given due consideration in you further planning and engagement with the community.

Cheers,

Stephen R.J. Sheppard PhD, ASLA

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From: Graeme Wiggins s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Making Room.

With regards to the public hearings as to whether to allow rezoning of single family zoned land to allow duplexes with basement suites, I'd like to throw my support behind making that possible. These are changes that are badly needed and though small will have an effect on decreasing costs to rent and buy in a city that struggles with housing costs.

Thanks you.

Graeme Wiggins

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From: Rav P s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: REZONING: Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law for RT-7 and RT-8 Zones (Kitsilano) and RT-10 and RT-10N Zones (Kensington-Cedar Cottage)

Hi,

We are residents of RT10 in Kensington-Cedar Cottage.

We hereby ask that you please approve this change.

I understand much of the opposition comes from Residents in the Kits area and ask, at the very least, to approve the zones in Kensington Cedar Cottage.

Ideally it would be great for both areas to be approved, but I ask you to please consider our support for this and consider severing the two if that is required to proceed with this amendment.

Thank you.

Rav