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**From:** Gail Marek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] River District/East Fraser Lands Project

**Categories:** Blue Category

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To Mayor Stewart,

CC: City Councillors

My name is Gail Marek, and I am a small business owner, which I operate out of the River District.

A big part of what drew me and my business to this neighbourhood was the fact that it was described as a "master-planned community" with shops, services and amenities. It has been a bit slower than anticipated, the shops and services are not being built to accommodate a growing number of residents joining the community within this Town Centre.

I can tell you first hand there is an increasing need for a larger community center, as well as other communal amenities. The population of River District is expanding more and more, and yet, the City has not delivered the public amenities, including a permanent community centre, which was promised by the City as part of the Official Development Plan AND approved in 2008. I think it's critical that we plan for the expansion of our social, civic spaces. It not only will help out us as a small business trying to thrive, but it will also help the 1000's of residences already here and joining the area.

I hope that the City will begin moving forward with a plan to deliver amenities to our neighborhood, we are in a rut with nothing given that was promised!

Thank you. I look forward to hearing about positive progress from the council!

Gail Marek

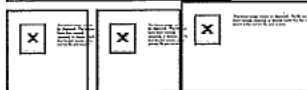
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Thank you,

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**From:** Ann Talbot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:13 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Zoning on Kerr and Marine Drive at Jan 23

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Dear Councillors,

1. I would like to see the continuing development of the River District start to include public services for all of the new residents. Where is the community centre? Why is transit such a problem?
2. I would also like to see more efforts made to protect the environment of the neighbourhood park and green areas. When will the foot path along the river be reopened. Why is the green corridor along Marine Drive being completely neglected to the point where a majority of the large trees are being destroyed by ivy and wild clematis (this is a potential disaster):

I applaud the council for providing more 'social housing' as the 'affordable housing' that is being built here is not at all 'affordable'(the coop on the corner of Kerr and Jellicoe). While I also agree with density, I'm very sorry that it is being used at the expense of losing many young people who can no longer live in Vancouver due to the increased rents, mortgages, property taxes, business rents. This City is now only accessible to the rich, not only for housing, but for businesses as well. Increased density is also removing a lot of our green space that we were always so proud of. Our parks are being neglected, our large wild trees are being choked out by ivy and the city does not seem to have any progressive ideas to include more livable, green communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ann Talbot  
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**From:** Liane Fenwick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:20 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Timeline for Amenities

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Hello,

I am contacting you to ask for an update on the timeline for delivery of amenities at EFL – specifically, the community centre.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Liane Bell

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lisa St.Onge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Updates in River district

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Hello,

I was just writing as I understand there is a public hearing coming up and was wondering if the following could be addressed.

Timeline for a community center - many new residents have moved in and could make use of it as well as many of the existing residents.

Also a time line for child care centres. Many new and existing families need care to go back to work and there is a shortage of spots in general and nothing in this area ( below marine drive) .

Thank you

Lisa