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Statement for: Parking lot Project
located at 313 & 321 SW Meeker
Puyallup, Wa. 98371

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CITY OF PUYALLUP

We are the homeowners of the property located at 111 4th street SW Puyallup, Wa. 98371. It is connected to both pieces of property listed above. The parcel known as 321 SW Meeker and 111 4th street SW were at one time one larger piece of property. The water, sewer, gas lines, all go under the field at 321 SW Meeker to 111 4th street SW. There are sewer drains (Augers) that extend to our property, go into the field and end up at the sidewalk on Meeker. These drains stick up approx. 6 to 8 inches with one a flat cap. In 2020 while doing tree removal a city crew crushed these drains with heavy equipment resulting in a sewer problem at 111 4th street SW. A simple use of a locator would have shown where these drains were. No locators were used in the project.

Perc tests were performed this fall on 321 SW Meeker within two feet of the same sewer line. The crew was unaware what the flags meant in the field. Once I told them they walked it and stayed clear.

The property lines are not clear



between all three pieces of property. We have requested numerous times that a survey be done before any work is planned. I have been given different answers by different city employees where they think the property line is between 321 SW Meeker and 111 4th Street SW. We know what we were shown upon purchase of 111 4th Street SW. The city employees have noted anywhere from "a couple inches" to "halfway into the garage," which has been there for decades. I have also been told a survey was done in either August or September of 2022. We neither saw anyone nor is there any markings indicating this took place. A public records request will be submitted for a copy.

In 2019, I called the city concerned about more trees looking ready to fall. (Feb 2019, trees fell and hit the house and roof to the garage) at 111 4th Street SW. I was informed they did not realize the city owned 321 SW Meeker. In 2020, other city employees thought 313 & 321 were both owned and bought from Mr. Thomas Slate. He owned 313 but was never paid for 321 nor did he own it. He maintained the property from 1981 to 2019 without anyone from the

City ever touching or doing any work on 321 SW Meeker. Ourselves and the Antonoffs (former owners) did all the work at our own expense.

With the plans to make this a paved parking lot, we have are concerned about several things:

- 1.) lack of official property lines
- 2.) Under ground utilities and any future need to access them in a paved lot.
- 3.) miscommunication by City employees not knowing which is the correct answer.
- 4.) Homeless people camping on the property. It's been a year since anyone from the city has maintained any part of this property. The same items left by the Homeless are still in the field a year later.
- 5.) No Set times/hours for this lot
- 6.) No Supervision or Maintenance
- 7.) Blocking the Police Department on the West and North side of their Building. The current diagram show emergency access at conflict with exiting this lot. The Sally Port (centering) will be at conflict with both the exit and entrance of this lot. There is also an Apartment complex in the works (creating more congestion when built. (4th street + 10 feet away from Sally Port). The South end of the Building have a Condo project blocking

Fire Department Comings and goings. Parking as a citizen to get into the safety Building will be severely hampered by traffic. Emergency means as quick as possible not stopping for people trying to get out of the way.

8.) privacy to existing neighbors Fence lines never exposed will be at the mercy of people at this lot. Peeking over fence lines, theft, sleeping and lots of garbage left behind. possible Trespassing inside fence lines as well.

This lot I was told is to be a replacement lot for the Activity Center parking being deleted because of a Condo project. A Block and one half away. That distance to Seniors means different things to different people. Walkers, Wheel chairs, injury or just slow all traveling next to the Police Department emergency exit and parking lot. Another conflict which could be harmful. Many of these people knew Mr. Slate who lived at 313 SW Mecker over 40 years. Parking where is house and friendship stood must make for some mixed feelings. I knew Mr. Slate very well including having a key to his house all these years. We have made

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it very clear to all we were interested in buying his house as well as 321 SW Meeker. We promised him we would try. The field (321) is important because it is still connected whether in name or not to our property for many reasons.

The lady who resides at 111 4th street SW lives on 24 hour oxygen which is made in her home. She is listed with Puget Sound Energy as Oxygen dependent. (In the event of a power outage/gas leak) A utility disruption is a problem. The fumes from this project create a breathing issue.

The last thing to consider is the "parking" itself. There is a low income Apartment group next to this project. There is limited parking. 45 units with less than half that in parking stalls. Between this Apartment, the new one going up next to it and the Condo project one block away, who is this lot for? All of these lack parking and will use this lot and the surrounding streets to park hamstringing the Police and Fire Department on three sides. The last thing located here should be Public parking.

The Sound Transit lot is in my front yard and I can tell you that they have kept zero promises. →

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Homeless, garbage, fights, skate-boarders at all hours, Air blowers, chainsaws, streetsweepers at all hours (agreed upon time, not after 9 pm) grocery carts and lack of control of people coming and going are a problem after over 20 years later. STOP signs are ignored, speed limits not followed as well as congestion. Why would this be any different?

There are three days a year worse than others in our neighborhood.

- 1.) The daffodil parade
- 2.) Opening of the fair
- 3.) And by far the worst ...

The Santa Parade

An honorable mention goes to Inkeeper Days. All residences are trapped during both parades. Drive ways are blocked - no emergency access, lots of people in your yard including sitting and standing on your porch, garbage left behind. The Santa Parade also bring drug use and open drinking. This lot will create another "Staying area" more congestion and conflict with Public Safety.

The offer still stands to purchase and maintain this property. Many unreturned phone calls have gone to City personnel to have a conversation.

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I do appreciate Lance Hollingworth the City engineer being available for Questions and suggestions.

So many projects that have not gone as planned in our neighborhood. All at the expense of current and past residence. The Sound Transit lot and garage, the sidewalk corner replacement, water main & pipes, huge rocks left in the street by trucks, workers language and garbage (that includes Century link and Puget Sound Energy) Routes designed to go past children waiting for school busses, Broken windows from debris falling off trucks. Commuter busses changing their route to cut thru traffic down residential streets.

These are just a few. If you build it then you must fund it for life. Do not make it as part of a grab-n-go to be a problem or forgotten project.

City Council woman Robin Favis made promises to Mr. Slate and myself. Not only were they not honored she has refused to return any communication for two years. All these concerns need to be addressed. Calls to other city personnel have gone unanswered as well.

We are opposed to this project. It should be placed elsewhere for a →

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Any Questions or Comments please
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