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Permit Type: Preliminary Site Plan & SEPA

Parcel Number: 5745001371

Concerns on land location and project application:

We are residents living in the area of this project application and location and we have strong concerns of the needs of this neighborhood as well as the progress of our city.

This project does not meet the needs of the neighborhood at this location. I realize that the City of Puyallup has strong views in vacating this property but we don't believe it is in the best interest of the community. We are a 5th generation family living in this area and we would like to believe that the progress of our city is in the interest of the residents of Puyallup.

These are are concerns:

- The apartments/condos are proposed to be constructed on land located on 3rd St SW which have been identified as having ground stability issues on previous construction inquiries. Any large vehicle (bus, construction/garbage trucks, etc) driving on these roads promote strong vibration when traveling down these streets. This issue should definitely prompt concerns of a 5 story building with the weight it will consume at this location. We are aware that an environmental impact statement should address these issues of ground stability.
- The site states that the construction will have 140 apartments but only providing 99 parking spaces will be available on the property for the residents. The number of stalls does not accommodate the residents possibly living in these apartments. The over flow of vehicles will have to go onto the streets where parking is limited daily because of local schools(Meeker Elementary and All Saints), Senior Center, the library, the Pavilion and city residents as well as the public. This area of town is in need of parking on a daily basis to accommodate the community needs. What happens when we have local events such as the Farmer's Market, parades, Meeker days, Concerts in the Park, Halloween Trick or Treating, Santa Parade, Veteran and Memorial Day celebrations, and day to day activities at the park, library and Pavilion? Hundreds of local people enjoy the Splash Park and play area in Pioneer Park when the weather is hot and sunny. The play area

is used year round by all families. How are you accommodating those people for parking when these activities are the culture and foundation of our community?

- Parking has been an issue in the city of Puyallup forever. The Senior Center is another important factor of our downtown area and the need of parking available at their location. The Senior Center was relocated years ago to address this same parking issue. This center is constantly being used by the members of the community and they need easy access to their activities. Having their parking access across from their center is extremely important for their safety. These members have played an active role in Puyallup over the years and meeting their needs should be a priority not an after thought.

The residents of Puyallup want growth for businesses in the downtown region. Eliminating parking for current residents as well as visitors will discourage people from attending Puyallup activities throughout the year. This decision is counter productive for our city.

The Transit Center provides parking for commuters from many areas, not just Puyallup. It was necessary to provide parking for these individuals; therefore the construction of the parking garage was a successful decision for all commuters using the Sounder. The transit parking lot as well as the garage is being occupied daily.

Please review these concerns regarding parking. Growth is only achieved if we provide parking areas for people to come and visit our city's businesses and activities. Consider the neighborhood streets which are already populated daily with limited street parking for the schools, churches, and businesses in the area. Don't add to the frustration of Puyallup residents. We encourage our residents and visitors to attend our activities in Puyallup. The lot being considered for these new apartments are taking away major space for everyone. The lot is not accommodating parking for their new residents if they choose to make Puyallup their home. We are a society of movement and people choose to travel anywhere they want to at a moments notice. People want to be able to get in their vehicle and travel to their chosen destination whether it be the grocery store or neighboring city. These issues are nothing new for Puyallup and many cities throughout the region. We want to encourage people to come to our city and enjoy what the city of Puyallup can offer. Eliminating this parking lot will be devastating to our community.

Thank you.

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