

Catherine McCoy

From: Jeff Killip <jtkillip@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:45 PM
To: Catherine McCoy
Cc: Jeanette
Subject: Briggs Village vacant lots

Hello Catherine,

Thank you again for presenting the helpful information about the next phase of the Briggs Village development (70 apts) yesterday evening.

As suggested, I am forwarding our concern over the growing neglect of the open fields between the houses, town homes, and the YMCA. It is overgrown and looks more and more neglected. There is trash including discarded needles, a mattress and an abandoned grill. It is beginning to look like the South Bronx of my childhood.

It's worsening condition is attracting parked cars that hang out with its occupants. The 6+ feet high vegetation helps to both make the area look completely neglected but it also hides additional garbage discarded and it presents a safety concern by hiding visibility of those who are hanging out in their cars, etc.

It is an attractive nuisance, which should immediately get the attention of the property owner responsible given the potential liability involved. And the condition of this open space is only getting worse, which is an even greater concern for us parents on behalf of our children who live here in Briggs Village.

At the very least, if the property owner is concerned about the financial value of this property allowing it to decline into the South Bronx makes no financial sense - and this is on top of the increasing potential liability involved for maintaining an attractive nuisance that invites danger.

Thank you for forwarding our shared concern to the property opener involved.

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Sent from my iPhone

Catherine McCoy

From: Betsy Johnson <betsy3johnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 9:25 PM
To: Nicole Floyd
Cc: cpdinfo; Catherine McCoy; Suki Bell-Sullivan
Subject: Briggs Village, Phase I, Notice of Land Use and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Categories: CRM TO-DO

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- b. A survey of threatened or endangered species has not been done.
- c. Migrating animals, birds, and water fowl do use the kettle areas.
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Are you considering other sources, such as solar?

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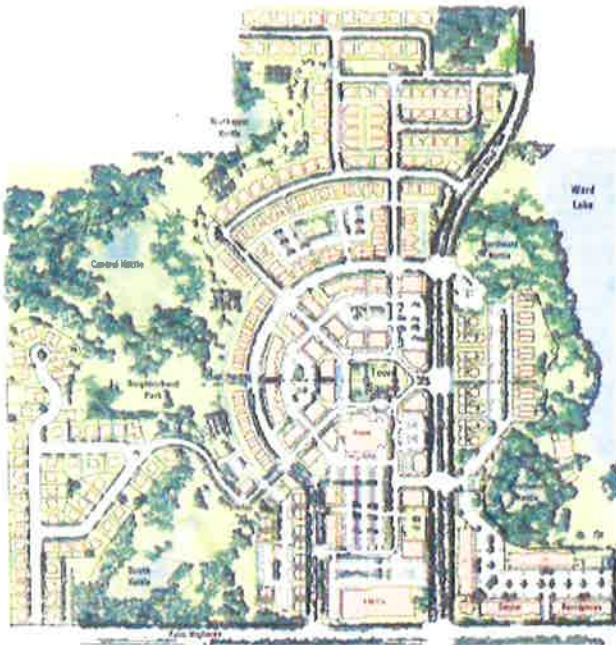
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Thank you for your continued consideration.
Betsy Johnson



Catherine McCoy

From: Cari Hornbein
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Catherine McCoy
Subject: FW: Briggs Village, Phase I, Notice of Land Use and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

FYI

From: Betsy Johnson [mailto:betsy3johnson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:37 PM
To: Tim Smith
Cc: Cari Hornbein
Subject: Re: Briggs Village, Phase I, Notice of Land Use and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Mr. Smith,

May I add one more item of concern?

I don't know what the plan is for windows in the units, but if there is a way to install glass that has features to prevent bird strikes, that would be great. (We are seeing strikes from migratory birds where I work. Pretty distressing. Completely preventable.)

It would just be so great if this development was innovative and forward-thinking, a model for future developments, keeping environmental protection foremost in mind. As I mentioned previously, for this particular site, I think that plan is way too dense. The location might attract more people, but that is because it is environmentally sensitive. It's a little island of the natural world right here in Olympia. I fear that developing on the scale planned would reduce the forest, wetlands, and wildlife to just another sterile space.

Thank you.

Betsy

On Apr 4, 2017, at 8:22 AM, Tim Smith <tsmith@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for forwarding this email. I will work with staff to prepare an official response to your comments.

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Ms. Floyd has left message that one should contact you regarding projects while she is on maternity leave. Thank you.
Betsy

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Date: March 27, 2017 at 9:25:01 PM PDT
To: nfloyd@ci.olympia.wa.us
Cc: cpdinfo@ci.olympia.wa.us, cmccoy@ci.olympia.wa.us, sbell@ci.olympia.wa.us

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From: Bill Bruner <brunerw@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Catherine McCoy
Subject: Briggs Village Multifamily North

I live at 1546 Harvest Ave SE, on the corner of Harvest and Maple. I am concerned about possible traffic accidents at the corner, since I expect traffic volumes to increase with the completion of these apartments. Currently there are yield signs on Maple, but drivers often don't even slow down. We have had one instance of a near accident resulting in a car on the sidewalk in front of our house. I suggest that something more than yield signs will be necessary - stop signs, at least or perhaps some kind of traffic calming arrangement.

Thank you,

Bill Bruner

Catherine McCoy

From: Suki Bell-Sullivan
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Cari Hornbein; Catherine McCoy
Cc: Tim Smith; Nancy Lenzi
Subject: May 11th - DRB Packets

It was mentioned at yesterday's Current Planners meeting that the DRB Packets are due to Support Services, Monday, May 1st.

- Catherine per our conversation this a.m., you'll have your packet submitted to CPD Work Request Tuesday, May 2nd 8:00 a.m.
- Cari when do you think you'll have your DRB Packet to Support Services?

My schedule for next week will be tight due to other end of the month projects that have the same deadline date as your DRB Packets, which means, I'm having to juggle some of my duties around. Support Services will also be short on staff. Nance will be out of the office Wednesday and possibly Thursday. Tiffany and Stacey will be working different hours due to exchange time from night time meetings. Your timeliness when submitting your packets is very appreciated, this will allow me to meet all my deadlines.

I just wanted to connect with you and get all my ducks in a row for next week. Thank you both!

Suki

Catherine McCoy

From: Jean <jbarlin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:10 PM
To: Catherine McCoy
Subject: Re: Briggs Multifamily North 16-9092

Thank you for answering. I just want to reiterate again that parking is a significant issue, and the alley is very small. We now have more residents parking on the surface streets than before. They are also parking in the vacant space where the apartments are supposed to be. On trash pickup day, it is difficult to navigate down the alley because of the trash cans and vehicles protruding into the alley.

The property that the YMCA had been using for parking is closed off, and that has pushed a large volume of vehicles into the street parking. Many days, the vehicles are all the way down to Briggs Drive.

The other concern with the apartment property is the large volume of water runoff. There is standing water in areas in there. With the heavy rain we have been having, there is a literal river running down the alley (several feet wide). It runs down the alley and out of a gravel run off channel that is next to the triplex on Magnolia. The volume of water swamps the sidewalk, and water is running swiftly enough that it washes the bark out of the tree wells.

I would like to be assured that the parking, excess water, and the alley congestion and small access size will be addressed to the satisfaction of the current homeowners.

Thank you,

Jean Barlin

On Apr 26, 2017, at 4:01 PM, Catherine McCoy <cmccoy@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Hi Jean,

The project goes back to the Design Review Board on May 11 for a final *combined* design review public meeting. Then, on May 17, the Site Plan Review Committee will be making a recommendation of approval, approval with conditions, or denial to the Director.

Both of the meetings are public meetings - which means the public can attend, but only written comments will be accepted.

Do you have more comments you'd like to submit? I am happy to take your written comments. If they're design-related I will forward them to the Design Review Board, if they're land use comments now is the time to get them to me, before the Committee makes it final recommendation to the Director.

Comments from past neighborhood meetings have been entered into the record and file, and passed to the various departments for their attention/information.

Please call or email with questions and I'll be happy to explain in more detail.

Thank you,

Catherine McCoy, Associate Planner, LEED AP

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Note: This message and any reply may be subject to public disclosure.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jean [<mailto:jbarlin@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Catherine McCoy
Subject: Briggs Multifamily North 16-9092

Catherine,

What is the status of this project? We haven't heard anything about it for several months.

Thank you,

Jean Barlin
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