

Casey Mauck

From: lisa owen <lso.themark@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 7:37 AM
To: Casey Mauck
Subject: Re: Lisa / The Mark

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I have been forced to maintain both alleyways "broken window theory" problems by myself, only recently I am incredibly grateful for the clean team. 🙏
 I am always grateful when police and public works have come to help as well. I would be very happy to have good neighbors but don't deserve to have worse.

Thank You for your time and consideration.
 lisa

On Sun, Dec 1, 2024 at 7:10 AM lisa owen <lso.themark@gmail.com> wrote:

The alleyways are both used almost entirely as property access roads no cars except building owners and city maintenance, pedestrian use is more than cars on both and that's almost never. It appears no due diligence was done to consider one a "walk way" and the other an "active roadway" no contact was ever made with me. Fire, Trash, nor Police travel either alley only maintenance, as they are a bit too narrow.

If the new banks parking and driveway can use only their part of the alley way in this increased activity level that's lovely. If they are going to increase traffic and block my property and the City access by using the entire alley way for their drive through and parking area access that's obstruction.

The building for the proposed new bank has been broken into once again and I have had to call the police twice in the last days. There are huge shards of glass all over the alleyway. I will call the clean team but somebody needs to call the building owner. They are at risk of liability, and putting all the neighbors in danger. The broken window theory is in full effect out here. I have no contact to alert them.

Thank You
 Lisa

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 Lisa Scott Owen

The Mark Olympia





On Fri, Jan 3, 2025 at 10:37 AM Casey Mauck <cmauck@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

I printed the documents for the meeting – they are available at the 2nd floor counter at City Hall.

The Design Review Board makes sure that the proposal meets the downtown design guidelines (OMC 18.120), such as building materials and colors. I don't know that your concerns about the project are necessarily relevant to the Board. That said, the Board does take public comments so please email me your comments before 4pm on Thursday. They don't take comments during the meeting, so even if you did attend, you would not be able to provide testimony. This is the second agenda item at the meeting so I would expect it to start around 6:15pm.

Let me know if I can help with anything. Thanks,

Casey Mauck

From: lisa owen <lso.themark@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 8:01 AM
To: Casey Mauck
Subject: Lisa / The Mark

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Dear Casey

Did they do a platt map for the new construction?

I would love to have a copy of the part showing the city's median on the side alley. A planner ten years ago told me the map the city has now is printed off kilter making it appear that BofA owns part of it. I have been told by newer planners that I would have to get a platt map myself to show the real property lines, which of course I can't afford. This has been a problem since an aggressive manager tore out the shared Rosemary/flower garden and put up a cheap fence some 10+ years ago. The fence and its ownership is a bummer. It is shabby looking, serves no real purpose, and is regularly torn apart for use in fires or weapons. I really don't care except to have the median look clean and maintained so as not to invite danger. Knowing the ownership would help in my conversations with that bank's maintenance managers. They have otherwise always largely done their part to help maintain it.

It was originally put to me by city planners that adjacent property owners are responsible for the median's maintenance, though it was in fact owned by the City..

Thank you

Lisa Scott Owen

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From: lisa owen <lso.themark@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2025 10:53 AM
To: Casey Mauck
Subject: Re: City of Olympia - Notice of Design Review Board Agenda for Jan 9, 2025

Thank you!

So it has changed from the old format. I have for 20 + years been here maintaining and observing my little area pretty much alone unless I asked police, public works or now the clean team for help. It strikes me as strange that my input would not be helpful. Of course nobody seemed to listen when we were allowed to contribute in the old days at the in person meetings. Oh well..

Images attached

This alley has been torn asunder over the last 24 years to put utilities under it and has never really been fixed for water flow. Hopefully the new project will not cause a more dramatic problem with all the concrete surfaces. This Water street end of the alley is worse. I will look forward to seeing the design notes.

Take care
Lisa

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From: lisa owen <lso.themark@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 8:08 PM
To: Casey Mauck
Subject: lisa / WAFD BANK OLYMPIA 406 Water street notes

Dear Design Review Board

The new building overall looks very nice!

I am one of this building's closest neighbors and have had to care for its alley sides with the help of the clean team and public works for about 23 years now. Here are my thoughts:

- Lots of trong full exterior led lighting and visible security cameras, especially all those areas less visible from 4th ave. Where a local police officer is more likely to have a clear site line. 5th ave is too far, especially at night.
- Secure covered locking exterior water sources for basic exterior watering, cleaning and pressure washing.
- Lighting and cameras near any opening or window, downtown is having an increased problem with broken windows and theft. Banks have always been a favorite choice for smashed windows.
- The alley way from 4th to the Bank America parking lot is the most active with human waste, drug use, drug users passing out and not only at night.
- Please make water drainage work in the alleyway with the addition of concrete driveways and parking. [refer to images I shared]
- Please choose trees for this building that don't look dead most of the year. The 123 trees only look alive a few months in summer.
- Please don't require any landscaping that can't be easily cared for.
- If any drip lines are used make sure they are all well buried in the ground. Plain non-flowering green landscaping is less likely to be torn out.
- Please no benches until such time as drug addicted / mentally ill transient activity subsides some. It's very heavy now from what I have been repeatedly told, outside communities drop their mentally ill and heavily addicted at the hospital. Only for them to be released and given taxis downtown a day or so later for services available.
- please do not accidentally offer outside latrines with any unsecured storage/trash alcoves.

Thank You for your time and consideration.
Please excuse me, I'm a bit tired.

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From: lisa owen <lso.themark@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:45 PM
To: Casey Mauck
Subject: Re: lisa / WAFD BANK OLYMPIA 406 Water street notes

123 dead looking trees, it's only a few months out of the year they have any green growth.





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