

Additional Materials

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Assembly Chambers

7:00pm

Meeting Date: February 19, 2019

1. USE2018 0023:

- b. Public comment from Patty Ware

2. USE2018 0024:

- a. Public comment from Sue Trivette
- b. Public comment from Juneau Rental

Patty Ware
800 F Street, H-3, Juneau, AK 99801

February 5, 2019

Dear Members of the CBJ Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of Tlingit & Haida's application for a conditional use permit and parking waiver, to enable them to provide transitional housing services for men released from prison.

I attended a January 9 neighborhood meeting hosted by Tlingit and Haida, as well as a February presentation held at Parkshore condominiums, where the details and goals of the proposed Yak'eiyi Kusti Yinaadei Hit program were presented. I was impressed by Tlingit and Haida's thoroughness, commitment, and passion about the possibility of changing the narrative for those leaving prison. President Richard Peterson, in his introductory remarks, acknowledged that such work is challenging. I applaud his leadership, and Tlingit and Haida's initiative in stepping forward to provide these critical services for this cohort of our community.

As someone who spent the majority of my professional career working in the social service and juvenile justice fields, including as Director of Alaska's Division of Juvenile Justice, I am well aware of the risks associated with released offenders. I am also well acquainted with the reality that a high likelihood of recidivism awaits offenders who are released with no stable housing, support services, or vocational opportunities. Offering services benefits both the offender and our community.

The proposed re-entry program, as I understand it, will have a full time peer mentor and manager on site. All residents will be required to earn admission to the program through an application process that includes an essay, an interview and a recommendation from LCCC probation staff. Residents will be on electronic monitoring, will have an opportunity to work at a Sacred Grounds café and/or other Tlingit and Haida job placement. I was pleased to hear that residents will also assist in grounds-keeping and maintenance chores at Bill Overstreet Park.

As an owner at Parkshore condos, I walk the path to the whale park nearly every day. The proposed transitional housing is in a central location, close to bus routes, shopping, Tlingit and Haida, and a variety of services, including the Adult Probation Office. While there are always risks involved in such endeavors, there are, I submit, greater risks in doing nothing to change the existing re-offense data. I support the proposed project and ask you to grant the conditional use permit required for its operation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patty Ware



From: Sue Trivette <susieqtriv48@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 12:13 PM
To: PC_Comments
Subject: Proposed Gravel Extraction from Lemon Creek

Importance: High

Hello--

I've been an owner living in the Riveredge Condo complex since May of 2012. Throughout the years since, there's been "routine" gravel extraction from adjacent Lemon Creek every few years. In the earlier years it was much further downstream & little impact was felt in my own unit (I'm in the far end unit of Building B, which is farther upstream). However, last year they were much, much closer to my end of the building. I'm mostly retired, so home more than those folks who are full time employed. Therefore, the noise, violent shaking & impact was very evident & disturbing to me & my dog.

I would certainly strongly urge this extraction to NOT continue to happen as it moves further upstream even closer to my building & the 2 apartment buildings upstream from me. I know in the past Secon has put out some seismic sensors to register impact & they supposedly found it wasn't outside normal parameters. But, I do beg to differ. I've not protested either in writing or testimony prior to this, as I had to agree that the blasting, shaking, etc wasn't felt much in Building B, but I understand it was in Building A (downstream).

Having lived in Anchorage prior to Juneau for many, many years, I had the bad experience of a few 5.0 earthquakes, so I'm familiar with that awful feeling. Last year's extraction was very similar to that & very anxiety producing. Folks in Anchorage are still dealing with trauma from their severe earthquake up there from November, as they continue to suffer aftershocks. My feeling is, if they continue just adjacent to Building B & continue upstream, there's a real chance that we might suffer some damage to our structure and/or have objects fall inside the units causing possible injury to any occupants.

Please strongly reconsider going forward with this extraction so close to where so many folks live. To allow permitting through the next 10 years is so unfair to all of us living in an otherwise peaceful creekside setting, is bordering on being inhumane. Is the possible profit from allowing this permit worth the wear & tear on any human or pet's wellbeing?

Thanks for reconsidering this matter.

Sue Trivette
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From: Juneau Rental <juneau.rental@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:14 AM
To: PC_Comments
Subject: Case No. USE2018 0024 Parcel No: 5B1201310041

Regarding the conditional use permit to extract up to 350,000 cubic yards of gravel. Its causing settling which is causing cracks in the concrete, there use to be salmon but they weren't there after the last time they extracted and its taking away ground from the river banks. When they move around the gravel and cause the water to take different routes every year its been eroding the river banks. There use to be much more river bank but most is gone over the past extractions. When they haul the gravel out its damaging the street with pot holes from all the heavy duty trucks driving back and forth with loads which other vehicles hit if they can't avoid because huge trucks driving (fast) on the road and they have to be repaired afterwards. Over a 10 year period this will cause major damage to the warehouses/buildings along the river because of the settling. Its not right to cause damage to these buildings while extracting gravel to make money. DOT engineers have nick named this area the soup bowl and its understandable with the extraction why. Have them buy gravel like the other businesses in town.

Unfortunately it will cause the prices to be more expensive for gravel but considering the damage to the businesses along the river its not fair to the owners as they paid an extreme amount of money for the property, the buildings and property taxes not to mention the damage to the cities roads.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.