

Bowker, Kristina J.

From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.; Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: vac2020-000

More info from Mr. Miller and my response.

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:18 PM
To: jon miller <ojonno@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: vac2020-000

Ok- thanks Jon for the additional information. I will forward this to the Hearing Examiner office and applicant as well.

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From: jon miller <ojonno@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Re: vac2020-000

Steven, this afternoon I went to the proposed vacation site on Douglas and did see that there was a branch of the trail that headed toward the proponent's property, but it dead ended. The main trail, the branch to the left (coming up from 21st St.) and coming out in the alley, stays within the Douglas ROW and is very well used. Although some blackberries had grown into it due to the summer and Corona cutting down on the number of students using it you can see from the bare ground of the trail that it is heavily used. My tenant at 1005 20th confirmed that he sees that the trail is very heavily used. Even your aerial photo you sent shows the trail snaking through the ROW. The importance of this passage should not be ignored for one developer's profit and the detriment of the public good.

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From: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:10 PM
To: jon miller <ojonno@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: vac2020-000

Thank you Jon for your comments. I will fwd these to the Hearing Examiner and the applicant for their consideration before the meeting tomorrow.

There is an informal footpath as you describe but it appears that the lower section / switchback traverses across a portion of the applicant's property (SE corner near 21st Street), just for your information.

Sincerely, Steve Sundin.

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From: jon miller <ojonno@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: vac2020-000

Honorable Planning Commission,

I am writing in opposition the the proposed vacation of the Douglas St. right of way between 21st St. and the alley to the west. I own the property abutting the Douglas St. right of way between said alley and 20th St. (1005 20th St.)

There is incorrect information included in the petition stated in several places that should be taken into account. It is stated that there is no pedestrian traffic over the property when in fact there is a well used nature trail winding up from 21st street which continues along side of my property on up to 20th St. that many students and others use. I helped build it may years ago.

Additionally the ROW serves as a wildlife corridor and green space in this highly built up area of apartments, cars and blacktop.

As I understand it, the tenants who live surrounding the proposal were not notified of this issue by mail like I was. Is that correct? These are the very people that will be impacted by the project the most and yet are probably unaware of it despite some yellow sign being posted somewhere.

Another thing that could affect me is that my property is not served by sewer and if I where to develop it, it would greatly increase the cost of running a line down to 21st street if it were necessary to dig up and replace road and parking surfaces.

It is stated in the ordinances concerning vacations that they should "advance the public good". This does just the opposite, it would eliminate an established pedestrian corridor and much needed green space and increase the impervious surfaces and runoff on this steep property.

Please reject this proposal

**Sincerely, Jon Miller
3096 Chuckanut Dr.
Bow, Wa. 98232**

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: Urgent VAC2020-000 vacation quest denial

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From: Aneka Deacon <anneka.c.d@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Urgent VAC2020-000 vacation quest denial

Attn: Steve Sundin Senior Planner,

Thank you for reading this letter to strongly advise the Petition for a street vacation request for the portion of undeveloped section of Douglas ave. be denied! (Vac2020-000)

We live near by and we use the connected trail, as do many college students, many of whom are not currently in town and available to defend this important green space. This is a major corridor for animals and humans accessing and bridging the green areas of our neighborhood. There are indicators that developing this land would be a significant detriment to local bird and amphibian life, as there are many who take refuge in this area. Thank you for recognizing that we speak on behalf of many if not most of the local community based in this area that we strongly deny this building project. If further proof is required for this we request an extension for the decision-making process so we may provide a petition in support of our convictions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Aneka Deacon
Local Resident

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: Urgent VAC2020-000 vacation quest denial

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From: Kimberli Scott <kimberlimscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
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Kimberli Scott

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Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:30 AM
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Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Sundin Senior Planner,

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From: jeffcounts007 <jeffcounts007@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Attn: Steve Sundin Senior Planner,

Hello and thank you for time reading this letter.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Counts LMT CS

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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To: Bowker, Kristina J.
Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW:

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From: Kate Laspina <starlakat9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject:

Attn: Steve Sundin Senior Planner,

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process so we may provide a petition in support of our convictions.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Kate LaSpina

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Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: Urgent VAC2020-000 Petition for street vacation request

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From: claracunningham1008@gmail.com <claracunningham1008@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Urgent VAC2020-000 Petition for street vacation request

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Thank you for your time.
Sincerely, Clara Cunningham

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: Vac 2020-000 Vacation Request Denial

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From: Pamela Fuller <pamelafuller@pogozone.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Vac 2020-000 Vacation Request Denial

Dear Mr. Sundin,

I am writing to request that you and your colleagues in the Planning Department deny the 2020-000 Vacation Request.

Over the past several years we have been witnessing many displays of densification and infill as a steady stream of buildings and parking lots are constructed in our beautiful city. As this "development" continues to march along, I ask that you cultivate and hold a wide perspective and deeply consider our collective physical, emotional, and spiritual needs for green spaces within our city. I believe that preserving the undeveloped land in question in this matter is an integral part of our greenways network. I speak for the wildlife who currently reside in it, and the humans who are nourished by it, when I ask that you stand to protect and preserve it.

Respectfully,

Pamela Fuller, MA, LMFT
2222 Lynn Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
Cc: Ali Taysi
Subject: FW: Urgent VAC2020-000 vacation quest denial

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From: katie <thejatree@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Urgent VAC2020-000 vacation quest denial

Attn: Planner Steve Sundin

Greetings,

I am putting forth denial request for the building of the proposed parking lot. This is a wildlife and human corridor that is valuable to the biodiversity of this area. It is precious to have access to spaces where cars cannot go for humans and non humans alike. Please honor the requests of the community members who live here and deny this project from moving forward.

Thankyou for your work.

Katie Robison

Project support for the ReMedium afforestation organization

Thinking 7 generations into the future

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Elli Smith <elliminnowpea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Urgent Vac2020-000 vacation quest denial

Attn: Steve Sundin

I am a community member and I DO NOT support building of the parking in question.

This is not what this neighborhood needs.

Feel free to contact me for more discussion.

Best,
Elli Smith
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
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Subject: FW: In regards to Douglas Ave. proposal

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Sincerely,
Rebekah Green, rjoyt.green@gmail.com
Melissa Turner, melissaanneturner@gmail.com
Summer Graef, summergraef@gmail.com

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From: Sundin, Steven C.
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Bowker, Kristina J.
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Subject: FW: Right of way sale

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From: hiranman reynolds <starsandtracks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Sundin, Steven C. <ssundin@cob.org>
Subject: Right of way sale

Dear Steve I saw the sign notification buried in the blackberries last night and heard the scuttlebutt exploding around happy valley. Please do not sell the trail up from 21st to 20th. The notification sign is put in totally the wrong place. No one walking the trail would even see it. Its a main walkway from the north of happy valley across to the large spie engineering gassy lawn which a tremendous amount of people use and indeed so do spie employees during normal non covid times. Please don't take our trail. Let them build there appartenton there own land not public property. Michael reynolds

