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Subject: Bill Maurer - SVCA - Sep16 Speech from Council Meeting

Mayor Bell:

Could you please respond to the SLP document requests I made at the council meeting regarding delivery of this important document to the SVCA for review. It is my understanding that Charlene Grant is currently revising the document and that she will have something ready for the SLP Committee around Sep 24th.

Regards,

Bill

The Seymour Valley Community Association supports the vision and goals of the Seymour Local Plan. We are happy with the slow growth rate it proposes, its transportation objectives, and especially its focus on the environment and preserving the forested nature of Seymour.

In complete contradiction with these goals, the plan calls for a 200 unit seniors complex to be built at Riverside Terrace, a property currently zoned for rs1 lots which is located in the midst of an rs1 neighbourhood.

Both our community association and residents have requested that this development be removed from the plan in meetings and discussions held over the summer. We first became aware of its specifics approximately 5 weeks after the plan was released in May.

As of last Wednesday the SLP Committee and DNV Planning continue to refuse our request for its removal. The response to our community is that it's too late to take it out. This is true even though we objected very early in this summer's public input process. The system is working. The public input process which was required prior to presenting the plan to council has indicated a small number of problems with the plan and given the community time to request an adjustment.

The SVCA requests that you remind the SLP Committee that they do not have the power to veto community wishes in any plan they bring before council and that the plan should not be used as a vehicle to promote unwanted development.

We would like the SLP Committee to work more closely with the SVCA to ensure that the implementation details are acceptable to our community and that we be provided with new copies of the SLP as soon as they are available to SLP Committee members. We would like at least a 10 day period to review any draft which will be presented to council.

The Seymour Local Plan is a very important document that will guide our community's future for the next 20 years and should therefore encapsulate the vision we have for the Seymour Valley. It is very close to achieving this but still needs some work.

We would like to see a plan which the SVCA and other Seymour community associations can endorse prior to being presented to council.

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