

Carol Lumb

From: Daryl Tapio <dtolympic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 10:10 PM
To: Carol Lumb; Sandra Whiting; Nora Gierloff
Subject: Fwd: Comments on Tree Committee
Attachments: Tukwila Tree Letter 031213.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Carol,

Can this letter dated March 12th be added to the Tree Committee website along with the letters from Alford and Shumate? Since they rebutted my letter it seems appropriate that my letter be included as well.

It is a shame that they have decided to resort to name calling such as "transient developers" and "outside agitators" and have avoided the substantive issues raised in the letter and in the public comments. The people who attended the meeting are interested in good policy not in agitating.

I have built many houses in Tukwila, am a former resident of Tukwila and used to have an office in Tukwila near the mall. I have owned property in Tukwila for the past 15 years and currently own multiple properties. I also currently live within 1/2 mile of Tukwila.

The committee continues to lack representation from experienced people who have gone through the permitting process and built and developed residential projects. Without that representation Tukwila will suffer from a decreased amount of redevelopment in a city that desperately could use investment and redevelopment in the single family residential areas if more regulations and penalties are implemented regarding trees.

The committee and certain individuals can attempt to discredit my arguments but time will tell and if the city passes more regulations there will be fewer new homes built.

The current regulations are already limiting development in the city. Adding regulations will limit development even more.

I am very disappointed that builders and developers have not been involved with the city of Tukwila to share their concerns and inform the staff and Council of the effects of the many regulations that have been passed. This is likely the result of so little residential building in the city that it is not worth the time and effort of the Master Builders Association or individual builders.

The committee and the city may think that they are saving trees and the environment but in reality the number of saved trees will be trivial and the effect on development will be great.

I was at Lowes in Tukwila last week and observed an estimated 200 trees in their inventory ready to sell to customers. Other home improvement stores and nurseries have even more. Homeowners buy these trees and plant them on their property, not because of a government regulation, but because they like trees. Trees are self-regulating because of the many benefits they provide. Nobody on the tree committee brings this point out. They only choose to think that the only way to increase the tree canopy is through regulations and penalties. The empirical data of the Tukwila Tree Canopy Report supports my position not theirs in residential areas.

Please forward this email to the Tree Committee, Planning Commission, and Council and include this email on the tree committee website along with the letter dated March 12th. I, along with others in the region, will monitor the recommendations of this committee and the ongoing process.

Sincerely,

Daryl Tapio
Tukwila Property Owner

Begin forwarded message:

From: Daryl Tapio <dtolympic@yahoo.com>
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Hi Carol, Sandra, and Nora,

Attached are my comments on the Comp Plan proposal on Urban Forestry and the Tree Committee.

Can one of you forward this letter to the Council, Planning Commission, Mayor, City Administrator, and management?

Thanks,
Daryl Tapio