

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>July 21, 2003</u>
Item # <u>3</u>
Re: <u>DV 230499</u>

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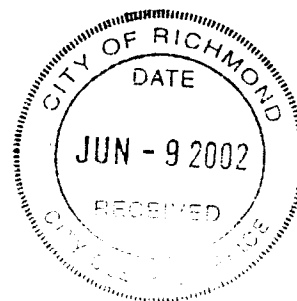
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Message:

I am faxing you a letter regarding DV 03-230499 which I believe will be discussed at tonight's council meeting. Please Include it with the information provided to the Mayor and Councillors.

Thanks very much in advance,

Sally Breen



June 8th, 2003

City of Richmond
8911 No. 3 Road
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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Re: DV 03-230499
Application by Loren and Janie Slye for a Development Variance Permit at 11911 Third Avenue and 3540 Broadway Street.

I am writing to ask that the decision of the DPP on May 6th, 2003 to deny this variance permit be upheld by council.

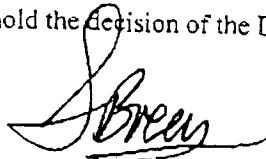
The issue of granting lot depth variances in Steveston has been dealt with by Richmond City Council a number of times in Steveston. In 1989 council voted to deny an application for lot depth variance at Second Avenue and Richmond Street and again in 1993 – 1997 there were a number of council meetings and public hearings devoted to this issue regarding lot depth variances at Sixth Avenue and Garry Street and at Sixth Avenue and Regent Street. In every case there has been a great deal of citizen involvement in this issue and significant neighbourhood opposition to granting these variances on the already small lots in Steveston. Neighbours were involved extensively with city planning staff during the period 1993 – 1997. Working together city staff and Steveston residents crafted a new bylaw revision which was passed by city council. This revision set out minimum setbacks in Steveston and also described that development of houses was to proceed in a north/south direction in order to comply with the original historical layout of the Steveston townsite and also control density in Steveston.

I understand that Mr. Slye wishes to ensure that members of his family can live in Steveston. It is an admirable desire but also one that could set a precedent in a neighbourhood where so much effort has gone into maintaining livability for all. The application for a variance permit at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Regent Street in 1993 was denied even though the applicant was proposing to have their adult daughter live nearby in order to help with the care of her elderly father. There is a precedent set, then, that applications for multi-generational living not be granted at the detriment of the whole neighbourhood.

Once granted, these lot depth variances, remain with the property for perpetuity – and the potential for increased number of lots and increased density exists – particularly with the demand for land and affordable lots.

Please uphold the decision of the DPP and deny this variance application.

Sincerely,



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