Schedule 22 to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Monday, November 18, 2013.

## **MayorandCouncillors**

From:

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Sent:

Monday, 18 November 2013 9:17 AM

To:

'Shirley Dovle'

Subject:

RE: Walmart and More

To Public Hearing
Date: Nov 18/13
Item # 7
Re: 4660-4740 GardenCity Rd.
9040-9500 Alexandra Rd.
RZ 10-528877

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of November 17, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information and will be made available at the Public Hearing tonight.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Manager, Legislative Services

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From: Shirley Doyle [mailto:shirldoyle@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 17 November 2013 9:21 AM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Cc: Shirley Doyle

Subject: Walmart and More

WE don't need a Walmart in Richmond. When Bellingham Walmart opened so many Mom and Pop businesses closed. Downtown became a ghost town for many years.

Those people who found jobs at Walmart had to live on minimum wages while the execs make huge salaries. The products are made in many cases by children working 10-15 hours a day in factories with poor conditions. We don't need more traffic congestion in Richmond. Why have a huge store near an already congested mall. It's bad enough that Target has opened.

What we do need in Richmond is more facilities for families like indoor family play centres which could have a farm theme and petting zoo.

We don't need more shopping. We already are huge consumers. One trip to Value Village is a lesson in what's being discarded.

Check this out. Brocketts Farm. Children get to experience and learn about real animals on a working farm. The large animals are in pastures and the small ones are in barns and have access to pastures.

There is an indoor and outdoor playground for all ages with huge slides, mazes, climbing areas. They have miniature and real tractors and rides. The gift shop can feature local products and crafts. There's a restaurant as well. Parties of all kinds can be booked there.

I think something like this in Richmond would be a huge success since we are a city with a background of farming and fishing.

We need to get our families having fun together not "shopping".

Richmond is becoming a concrete jungle. Even the malls don't include a family activity.

The most fun in Richmond for a family is Richmond Country Farm.....

I have visited Brocketts Farm recently and was very impressed with all the events that happen there.

Time to give back to the families in Richmond. With all the taxes being paid in to the City of Richmond certainly some should be used to provide some fun.

Garden City should be "Garden" and "Farm" and "Farmily" City with a lot of fun for everyone.

http://www.bockettsfarm.co.uk/ Please check this out.

Well that's my two cents worth.

Cheers,
Shirley Doyle
Richmond Taxpayer for 46 years