

MayorandCouncillors

Schedule 85 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

To Public Hearing	
Date:	SEPT. 8 2015
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Re:	BYLAWS 9280 + 9281

From: James Strilesky <jstrilesky@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 07:35
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Sept 8 Public Hearing RE House Massing

Categories: 12-8060-20-9280

I am taking the time to express my concern and hope regarding the house massing issue as I am out of the country at present and will be unable to attend the above meeting. I was also out of the country during the July meeting when Council decided to override the recommendations of its own Advisory Committee and staff as well as the wishes of the majority of property owners and instead voted to side with the wishes of developers.

I continue to be disappointed by the actions of Council on this issue. Our neighbouring Lower Mainland jurisdictions have taken the necessary steps with respect to house massing and Land Use Contracts to listen to constituents and enact policies that attempt to preserve communities. Council seems to lack the will to put aside the revenue from development in favour of a positive, healthy and sustainable vision for the community. We are beginning to see the results of this misguided policy course in pockets of Richmond neighbourhoods that are eerily similar to large areas of the Vancouver west side (see Kerrisdale) where the few long time remaining residents are fleeing streets of vacant megahouse "faux mansions" where neighbourhoods and communities once existed. Is this the vision our Council is aspiring to?

I am requesting that Council reverse the present policy course it seems to be pursuing on this issue. I am hopeful that you will do so. The cost of continuing on the present policy course is one of mounting voter alienation and anger. I hope you will not disappoint.

Sent from my iPad

