

Schedule 5 to the Minutes of the
Development Permit Panel
meeting held on Wednesday,
June 24, 2015.

To Development Permit Panel
Date: <u>June 24, 2015</u>
Item # <u>2</u>
Re: <u>B180 Ash Street</u> <u>DN 14-658670</u>

From: Shawn Hawkins [mailto:shawn.hawkins@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2015 11:10
To: Nikolic, Diana
Subject: Development Permit - Habitat for Humanity Ash St.

I will be travelling and unfortunately not able to attend the Permit Panel meeting on June 24. Although I am not familiar with the details of the Habitat plan, I am supportive of the concept. I was discouraged at the tenor of objections to the proposed development on that site several years ago, and based on the "Dear Neighbour" letter I received several days ago I am just as disappointed with the NIMBY-esque comments circulating today.

As a matter of interest, I am disappointed that despite the proximity of my residence to the development site, I have not received any notice prior to this "Dear Neighbour" letter that a proposal was being considered and there was community opposition. The fact of signage on the property in my view is not sufficient notice, particularly given signage has gone up and down several times over a period of years.

I can be reached today at 778/995-4336. Thanks.

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From: Shawn Hawkins [mailto:shawn.hawkins@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2015 21:17
To: Nikolic, Diana
Subject: Re: Habitat for Humanity Development Permit Panel

To Development Permit Panel
Date: <u>JUNE 24, 2015</u>
Item # <u>2</u>
Re: <u>2180 Ash Street</u> <u>DV 14-058670</u>

I will be travelling and unfortunately not able to attend the Permit Panel meeting on June 24. Although I am not familiar with the details of the Habitat plan, I am supportive of the concept.

Thinking back, I was discouraged at the tenor of objections to the proposed development on that site several years past, and based on the "Dear Neighbour" letter I received several days ago I am just as disappointed with the NIMBY-esque comments circulating today.

If I was present at the meeting, I would strongly encourage incorporating enhanced sustainability measures into the design, landscape and construction. As with all projects with a social values component, there are likely to be financial constraints. Nevertheless, creative design and active solicitation of ideas and new approaches might serve to make this a showcase project. Solid communications could serve to educate by example a generation of students who will pass by.

On a separate matter, I suggest that McBurney Drive residences be acknowledged for being unique in that homes are not demolished to make way for new home construction. Instead the homes are well kept, both indoor and outdoor renovations are common, additional landscaping is planted, etc. This neighbourhood is a modest example of the kind of colourful and inclusive neighbourhood Richmond can and should aspire to.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your deliberations.

Shawn Hawkins
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