

Schedule 18 to the Minutes of the  
Council Meeting for Public  
Hearings held on  
Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

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To: Mayor and Council; City of Richmond  
Subject: Zoning application RZ12-619835

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| Date:  | Apr 22, 2014                                   |
| Item # | 8  |
| Re:    | 7400, 7420+7440<br>Railway Ave<br>RZ-12-619835 |

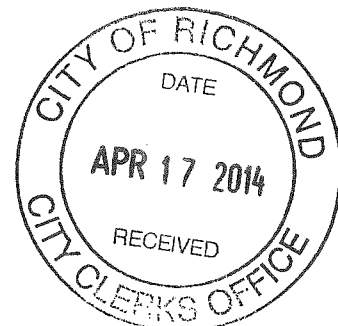
Dear Madam, Sirs,

At the public meeting of May 21, 2013, arguments were made (35 signatures, 12 letters) against townhouse development on properties 7400, 7420, 7440, Railway Ave. These arguments still apply against a revised application for 14 townhouses on the same site. It still means that the insertion of 14 dwellings into a settled single family neighbourhood will cause loss of privacy, sunlight, earth-saving grass and trees, and added traffic chaos on Railway Ave/Linfield Gate with at least 20 extra cars on site. Add to this reduced property values on adjoining properties.

A point not mentioned is whether the Fire Chief would have concerns about ease of access of equipment to such a complex with single tight entry and limited mobility in a tight internal lane.

It may be noticed that a petition in favor obtained by the developer and listed as attachment 10, contains signatures from as far away as Gibbons Dr. Petts Rd, deMorest Dr Patterson rd. It is obvious that these are useless because the only votes which count are those of taxpayer owners in the 7000 block of Railway Ave and roads backing onto it plus mccallan which would become a future parking lot.

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This current application emphasises a problem. Unless development hearings are advertised in the Local paper in Chinese language, a large part of the citizenry are ignorant of development impact on their lives. This became apparent in the subject application when people in adjacent properties were advised through interpreters and they immediately reacted against it with letters and signatures. It is fair to say that people have faith in their elected council to respect their wishes on controversial cases but few citizens can find the time and dedication to drum up support of neighbours for a significant opposition.

They can only hope that in the present case council is listening. Obviously in this case an acceptable outcome would be four "conventional" houses to replace three older ones.

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