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Schedule 67 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

From:

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Subject:

Onni rezoning Steveston

Mayor and Council October 15,2017

Re: ONNI rezoning Steveston

Linda Barnes 4551 Garry ST (Steveston) Richmond BC

After having read the staff report and reflecting on the history of this site and knowing I have a prior commitment on the Public Hearing date I wish to share my personal thoughts on this rezoning.

As a retired City Councilor my votes and statements on the past rezoning and plans are a matter of record. This latest rezoning has my support for the hotel and building by building zoning. Its time to close this chapter and move forward. Another winter is coming and its hard enough for businesses during the offseason without continuing the empty storefronts and quiet boardwalk. I like the specifics of this application in that every building has its own list of possible uses (and then of course what is not included) as well as the hotel application. Steveston is becoming a destination and having a small modern hotel to compliment the historic Steveston Hotel, in my view, makes good business sense. The only part that is missing is amenity contributions large enough to offset the community needs exacerbated by this development. In my view the \$2.375 falls short in compensating the community for amenities needed; I personally believe the amount should be much closer to \$3.375m.

Thank you for reading and considering my thoughts on this very important rezoning in our community.

Linda & Brian Barnes Steveston residents since 1970

Cheers Linda Barnes

