



Public Comments

Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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F2 – Permitting and Development Activity

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Subject: Comments for 3/20/2024.Meeting
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I have the following concerns with the processes and approaches being used by the Planning Services Department Planners with their review of permit applications:

(1) The 'Bridge Industrial'(BI) project (permit #: LU21-0125) is being considered as a 'past decision'..the impacts of this 'warehouse' project on the outcome of other nearby planning projects are NOT being considered or factored into other Planning Dept projects.

EXAMPLE #1: 'South Tacoma Way Neighborhood Planning Project'

South Tacoma residents have expressed concerns with planning a 'neighborhood' project centered around the STW business area .. just several blocks away from this mega-warehouse site with the plan of massive amounts of BI site-related vehicles traveling through the STW area.

I have been told by Neighborhood Planners that we need to be looking to the future and that the BI permit/warehouse situation is a "PAST DECISION" .

EXAMPLE #2: Permit #LU23-0208 (Viridian Grove Apartments)

The presence of the BI warehouse project impacts on geographically close projects. The location of this type of apartment complex project (Designed for lower-income families and residents) is ACROSS the street from an already approved, permitted 'mega-warehouse' project.

Nothing with this permitting process addressed the impacts of this BI warehouse generated traffic on the health and safety of the future tenants of Viridian Groves Apartments?!
 So..this project seems to be a continuation of the environmental racist practices of the Tacoma Planning and Development Services Dept IN South Tacoma!

EXAMPLE #3: 'HOME IN TACOMA-Phase 2" project. Again, no impacts from the BI Warehouse project permit (approved) are being factored into the planning with the 'Home in Tacoma' project.

Something to consider: No EIS/DEIS or HIA was included for this permit application for permit #: LU21-0125..not considered to be a "significant" project..and now being referred to as a "past decision".

However, the 'Home in Tacoma-Phase 2" project is being considered "Significant"....with a DEIS and HIA also to be completed. Those 2 studies will be faulty as none of the environmental and health impacts of the BI project permit project have been included.

Are we as a City now pretending that the BI business project will be operating without ANY impacts on other projects and plans in Tacoma?!

Also..certain massive projects' impacts are not being considered in the Planners' decisions regarding other projects.

I have noticed that the Planners now prefer to discuss their "projects of interest" and not acknowledge the presence of the more dangerous type permit application projects that have been approved by their Dept staff. This deceptive approach is being used on their City of Tacoma government website!

..with a listing only of 'Projects of Interest' section.

(2) Incomplete information available online with permit applications ('Attachment' and 'Processing Status' sections of the Permit records). This means that the Public/residents don't have access to ALL info that is used by the Planners for making decisions on permit applications. So, when submitting comments or concerns about a project, the residents really don't have complete permit applications to review.

Example: initially (and, now wondering with other permits) the 'Fire Review' section with the 'Processing Status' of the online records was marked completed BEFORE the review was even started for the LU24-0208 permit application. This permit (for Viridian Groves Apartments) has a safety concern with 1 narrow road access point)

(3) Continued use of Soundview Consultants for 'environmental studies'..no other consultants available for permit applications?

I am frankly concerned for the safety and health of health of residents in Tacoma!

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