



Public Comments

Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Submittal: Written comments only; e-mailed received at planning@cityoftacoma.org by 12:00 noon, on the meeting day

Subjects: Comments are addressing the following Discussion Item on the agenda:

#2 – College Park Historic Special Review District

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From: [Tom McCarthy](#)
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: In Support of College Park Historic District
Date: Friday, September 2, 2022 6:34:55 AM

To the Tacoma Planning Commission,

Tacoma has long had a program that allows neighborhoods to celebrate and protect their historic character, which in turn protects the character in Tacoma.

In Tacoma's long history, only two neighborhoods have gone through the process of establishing a historic district. There is no good reason to deny College Park the same status.

Many long-time Seattle-lites come to Tacoma, and wistfully remark that it reminds them of what Seattle used to be. Seattle has gotten so many things wrong, that I would hope that the Planning Commission would not reject College Park's application by knee-jerk reaction.

There are so many parts of Tacoma open to development into higher density housing that is desperately needed...and indeed, want such development. Why not support a small area's effort to maintain the historic character, especially one which surrounds Tacoma's only significant and historic college.

Best regards,
Thomas McCarthy
Tacoma voter and tax-payer

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If there is no struggle, there is no progress. --Frederick Douglass