



Public Comments

Meeting: Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Submittal: Written comments received at planning@cityoftacoma.org

Subjects: Comments are addressing the following Discussion Item(s) on the agenda:

E1 – Metro Parks Tacoma System & Strategic Plan 2024-2030

No. of Comments: One



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Subject: Public Comments for June 26th, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 12:01:39 PM

Dear Tacoma Planning Commissioners and Metro Parks Tacoma Board members:

I am writing with concerns with the lack of park space/'open areas' in an area of Tacoma experiencing significant growth and plans for further population increases in the future...the 'Tacoma Mall Extended Growth Center Area.

This area of Tacoma has listed 2 'park' sites:

*Madison School" (a "Community School Yard')

*Lincoln Heights Park (a "Neighborhood Park)..located at the north end of this growth area and just north of the Costco store.

Recently, the Madison School property was sold with plans for housing development (for greater than 100+ additional apartment units) to be constructed on this site. More housing ...more crowding.

Now..no other park is located within this crowded Tacoma Mall sub-area growth area. The 'Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan' (approved as Ordinance No. 28511 on May 2018) had actually proposed 2 parks be included for this area (another park).

Construction of taller apartment buildings are planned adjacent to the Tacoma Mall area (100+ units/building). The residents' reviews (online) with the other taller buildings near the Mall have included comments on the lack of parks in that area of town and that a car would be needed to access parks in other areas of Tacoma.

Please...as part of the housing plan for this Tacoma Mall area, prioritize purchase of land for a "Community Park" for the residents to use.

This is especially very necessary for the residents living in a low tree canopy area of Tacoma.

Thank you,

Cathie (Raine) Urwin
South Tacoma resident