

**Debbie Beadle**

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Debbie,  
Please forward this email to all Planning Commissioners. Thank you.  
Harry Shedd  
Citizens For Sammamish

Dear Commissioners:

The Citizens for Sammamish - Environment Subgroup appreciates the public process, forums and tools that have been made available to Sammamish citizens. The large number of interested citizens at the March 1 Planning Commission meeting is a credit to the Planning Commission's distribution of the notice mailers. Likewise, posting relevant materials as they are available in advance of the scheduled meeting is very helpful. In the interest of the continued success of the review process, we would like to share the following suggestions and requests:

1. We encourage the Planning Commission to cause additional mailers to be distributed city-wide 1 week in advance of the first of the two meetings scheduled on a given set of topics—would that be possible?
2. The City website posts different sets of relevant materials at the Planning Commission link than those posted at the separate Environmentally Critical Areas link. Posting all such materials at both links would reduce the risk of confusion about whether materials are current or complete. It would also help if the email notices from City about the ECA process included a link to the recently posted documents.
3. Among the materials recently posted on Friday, March 9, is the document

titled, "Known Topics- Additional Questions." We were unaware until that posting of the consultant's request to the City staff to elaborate on the list of "Known Topics." Given that the list of Known Topics approved by the City Council was the product of three years of public comment and dialogue, we are hopeful that the public will be given sufficient time and opportunity to contribute to the "Additional Questions" supplement to the "Known Topics" document.

4. The March 1 Meeting was also successful, in part, because the Ground Rules were administered to promote and not unduly restrict citizen dialogue. It was especially helpful that the Chairman exercised the option to engage the public in discussion of the pending topic rather than defer to a later point in the meeting. This procedure/courtesy allows the opportunity for a member of the audience to identify and resolve a significant misunderstanding or factual error as it occurs. We strongly applaud this protocol, and hope it will continue. We observed that order and decorum were maintained by allowing the individual to approach the lectern and wait to be recognized by the Chairman at the appropriate point. Attendees might also be offered the alternative to write and submit a note via the clerk to the Chairman during the course of discussion. Perhaps the Commission could update the Ground Rules and remind citizens at the start of the meetings that these procedures are available to them.

Thank you again for all you are doing and allowing us to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Citizens for Sammamish-Environmental Subgroup by Harry Shedd.