

Debbie Beadle

From: Kamuron Gurol
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Susan Cezar; Debbie Beadle
Subject: FW: council testimony

EXHIBIT NO. 202.

FYI

From: Don Gerend
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 11:42 AM
To: Robert Sorensen
Cc: John Curley; John James; Tom Odell; Nancy Whitten; Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo; Tom Vance; Ben Yazici; Kamuron Gurol; Lyman Howard; Melonie Anderson
Subject: RE: council testimony

Dear Mr. Sorensen,

Thank you for your comments and the attached video/slide show. I did listen to it and heard the arguments as to why we should discredit sustainable development. I have some concerns about this extreme point of view. If you go to that font of knowledge, Wikipedia, you will find this definition;

"The term 'sustainable development' was used by the Brundtland Commission which coined what has become the most often-quoted definition of sustainable development as development that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."^[1]

It is this definition of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs that I find compelling. When our children or grandchildren celebrate the 50th or 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Sammamish, and they can say that they feel good about the state of the city thanks to the efforts of its early citizens to be sensitive to future needs, then we have achieved that goal of sustainability.

If you go to the timeline of the video, to 8:30 the voice over is saying;

"The method of implementing sustainable development in communities is alarming. Projects are often initiated by groups such as ICLEI or the American Planning Association who create fear over problems portrayed as a crisis. Farmland development, urban sprawl, poor water management, wildlife preservation or too many cars on the freeway are examples."

I personally feel that there is a danger in extremes in many of these issues. I believe that urban sprawl and cars on the freeway, for examples, are indeed issues to be concerned about, and growth management as well as ways of mitigating freeway traffic certainly are issues that need to be addressed. However, having said that, I don't support rampant unfunded mandates coming down from Federal or State levels (or even County levels) without regard for local conditions and local ability to actually do what is best at the local level while being sensitive to the greater good of the region and the world.

Back to the issue about Sammamish being members of the American Planning Association or ICLEI. I feel that these organizations provide very helpful information and methods as to how to achieve sustainability for our city (as the word is defined in the Wikipedia quote above). I would add that these are my personal views and not necessarily the views of other members of the Sammamish City council. I notice that Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah are also members of ICLEI (according to the ICLEI website).

Best regards,

Don Gerend, Councilmember

From: Robert Sorensen [bobsorensen1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Don Gerend
Cc: John Curley; John James; Tom Odell; Nancy Whitten; Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo; Tom Vance
Subject: Re: council testimony

Sorry about the previous attachment. Try this link...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfUIWMQ92RU>

On Mon, Sep 10, 2012 at 8:00 AM, Don Gerend <dgerend@ci.sammamish.wa.us> wrote:
Mr. Sorensen,

I am having trouble opening the video. Any suggestions?

Don Gerend, Councilmember

City of Sammamish

From: Robert Sorensen [bobsorensen1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 7:56 AM
To: John Curley; Don Gerend; John James; Tom Odell; Nancy Whitten; Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo; Tom Vance
Subject: council testimony

Sammamish city Council,

The attached video has recently come to my attention. I understand that the City belongs to ICLEI and is scheduled to vote on continuing this membership. Please view this video before you discuss this decision. While I cannot personally validate the content of this video, it should at least raise some serious questions should this be accurate. Having participated in the revision process for the ECA ordinance, this answers a lot of questions I have had regarding the draconian protection measures recommended for our ECA's. Sorry for this last minute request, and thanks for your consideration of this. Thanks also for your service to the City.

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Debbie Beadle

From: Czesia Majerczyk <czesiamajerczyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 9:54 PM
To: Kamuron Gurol; Debbie Beadle; Evan Maxim
Subject: Response letter

Mr. Gurol,

This email was sent to the City Council in response to the email that I received from your office....

Dear Council Members,

I received a letter from Mr. Gurol in regards to a few issues that is being brought to the Council members attention and rendering of a decision.

In the email we received from Mr. Gurol and Ms. Beadle, it states that we have ongoing code compliance efforts related to several additions built on our house without required permit approvals. The only "addition" was to an existing porch to the left of the home, that was enclosed. There are no other additions as Mr. Gurol states.

He also stated that Pine Lake Creek was identified as Type F Stream in 2005, but the enclosure of the porch was done in 2002. We applied for the permit and paid for permit in August 2005, as per Ms. Rhonda. The structure was enclosed prior to the new regulation on the stream.

Also, as stated in Mr. Gurol email, Pine Lake Stream has a special significance for fish restoration, once again this is unfounded. I live next to this stream daily and the creek runs dry for 8+ months until there is heavy rain. At the time of rain, there is no fish in the stream. I invite you out once again, to come and see this seasonal stream for yourself. There is no way fish can exist in a stream that sits dry for 8+ months. When the consultants were at the Town Hall Meeting, they explained that when there is no water within a stream, only in time of heavy rainfall, the stream should be classified as Type Ns (seasonal non-fish bearing). Prior to 2005, Pine Lake Stream was classified as a seasonal stream (Type N), with minimum setbacks. We would like these terms of the stream restored

As per the storm basin to the south of my property, it is not that I believe that the water is discharged on property but rather, I know this is a fact and I have submitted pictures to prove what is being stated. This winter, 5 trees fell over because of the amount of water that was released on to my property and sat under the tree line. The City had to come and cut these trees out of the road. Now, there are an additional 10 trees that are 20+ years old leaning either over the street or my property that now need to be cut down. Someone needs to be responsible for the destruction of my trees.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing back on your decision.

Regards,

Jozef Majerczyk

EXHIBIT NO. 203

Debbie Beadle

From: Reid Brockway <waterat@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 8:30 AM
To: ECA
Subject: ECA field trip

Sammamish Officials and Staff,

The ECA field trip planned for Sept 18th should include examples of critical areas on both ends of the scale -- significant features obviously needing major protection and minor ones of marginal environmental value but still fitting the definitions of ECAs in the current code.

When it comes to streams, I find that neither example on the itinerary is representative of where the severe problem of equity lies, i.e., small watercourses through fully developed communities. Pine Lake Creek is a significant stream probably justifying a large buffer, plus the two locations shown are not in a highly impacted, densely developed neighborhood.

I strongly urge that an example of a small, intermittent drainage that meets the current definition of a Type F Stream and passes through yards in a developed neighborhood be included in the tour. If the city is not aware of such, I can suggest examples.

Thank you,
Reid Brockway

EXHIBIT NO. 204.

Debbie Beadle

From: Reid Brockway <waterat@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 8:20 AM
To: Debbie Beadle
Cc: Susan Cezar; Kathy Richardson; Brockway, Susan
Subject: Re: ECA tour
Attachments: Watercourses flowing into Lake Samm.docx

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Debbie,

Attached is information about candidate "streams" for inclusion on the field trip. It is a list of watercourses that I am aware of that flow into Lake Sammamish near houses within the Sammamish city limits. Most of them flow year-round. Because they reach Lake Sammamish and therefore have the "potential" to contain salmonids, they fit the definition of Type F streams in our current city code. Consequently they are all subject to a 330 ft band of restricted land use around them. (One such "trickle" the city declared a stream drastically impacted the building plans of a property owner recently.)

All listed were at one time observable from the East Lake Sammamish Trail. Unfortunately, since I did this tally in 2008, property owners have allowed hedges and other vegetation to grow to provide privacy from the trail, and this has hidden many of these from view. A representative one that remains visible, however, is between 1155 and 1139 E Lake Sammamish Parkway NE. The tour could access the trail from the base of Inglewood Hill Road and walk along it to the site.

However, if the city has an example of a small, possibly seasonal watercourse running near homes that is closer to the existing ECA tour route, that would be a reasonable alternative. I would be happy to visit with a city official either my recommended location or another the city has to offer. But I strongly urge that one such example be included that represents the end of the scale that is problematic.

Feel free to contact me at 868-7899.

Thanks,
Reid

On 9/11/2012 10:54 AM, Debbie Beadle wrote:

Hi Reid, thank you for your recent e-mail related to the ECA field trip. We would appreciate your sending the information related to examples that you feel best illustrate small streams in developed neighborhoods. We will take a look at the itinerary and see if we can accommodate an additional stop.

Thank you for your interest.

Susan

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Watercourses flowing into Lake Sammamish

The following are watercourses within the Sammamish city limits flowing into Lake Sammamish near residences or buildable lots. These were identified by personal inspection in 2008. These range from salmon-bearing creeks to drainages that may dry up during certain times of the year. (Most run year-round.) They are listed from north to south. The nearest address, where available, is given, and/or a description of the location. The nature of the drainage is also described.

- ~3625 NE Just north of Weber Point. Drainage from ditch that enters culvert then to lake
- N of NE 33rd Pl Small creek running thru culvert onto undeveloped property
- 3113 NE Small creek just south of house.
- 2629 NE Small creek south of house.
- 2301 NE Drainage north of house.
- Between 2029 & 2033 NE Small creek emerges west of driveways
- 2007 NE Small creek in vacant lot to south
- 1155/1139 NE Second branch of creek also entering lake few hundred feet north
- 1103 NE Small creek or drainage
- Next house S of 1103 Small creek or drainage
- 845 NE Creek next to game court
- N of 801 NE Outflow of diverted creek, in box structure
- 635 NE Second outflow of same creek as above
- 205 NE Zacusse Creek
- 127 SE Ebright Creek
- 247 SE Culvert visible east of railbed. Outflow is ?
- 659 SE Drainage passes under railbed. Outflow is ?
- 929 SE Pine Lake Creek

1317 SE Culvert visible west of railbed. Outflow is ?

~1625 SE Drainage, flows openly into lake

N of 2623 SE Small creek or drainage

S of 2623 SE Small creek or drainage

~4008 SE Drainage parallels trail on east side for couple hundred feet then goes under

N of 206th Ave SE Sizeable creek

SE 43rd Way Small creek or drainage at north end of condo complex