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Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:31 PM
To: Alex Wenger; City Council
Cc: debbie@semiahmooresortassociation.com
Subject: Woodberry development
Attachments: Woodberry Response January 24 2019..pdf

Dear Alex,

I am a resident of Semiahmoo. Due to a prior commitment, I am not able to attend the Public Hearing tonight, at which the Woodberry Development is being discussed.
Please see my attached letter for consideration by you and the Blaine City Council.

sincerely,
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RE: Woodberry Development Plan

Dear Mr. Wenger,

I am writing this letter to convey my concern and objection to the proposed Woodberry Development in the Semiahmoo area. I have been a full-time resident of Semiahmoo for 16 years. I purchased my home in the area specifically because of the natural beauty of the area and the confidence I had in that beauty being maintained under the direction of the Semiahmoo Resort Association ("SRA") management. The continued attraction of the Semiahmoo area, and hence my property value, is directly impacted by the maintenance of the beauty of the area.

The intention of the developer appears to be to sell "golf course view" homes, which will require a line of vision from the Woodberry plat, east across Semiahmoo Parkway, to the golf course. This also means that there will be a view of the homes in Woodberry plat from Semiahmoo Parkway. A chain link fence between the public space and the housing development that does not follow SRA standards will be an eyesore.

A full or partial view of homes with inconsistent standards as to outside appearance will diminish the value of living in Semiahmoo and accordingly the value of all homes in Semiahmoo.

Additionally, if the developer does not successfully sell the development, the area will be left with a clearcut eyesore that will also diminish the value of living in Semiahmoo and the value of all the homes under SRA.

A substantial part of the appeal of the Semiahmoo area is the drive up Semiahmoo Parkway, with wooded areas on both sides of the Parkway and limited view of the homes under SRA on the east side of the Parkway. The partial view of the homes that are visible are consistent in exterior appearance due to the SRA enforcing consistency with the SRA rules and guidelines in order to enhance the value of living in Semiahmoo and of the value of houses in Semiahmoo.

Approval of the current Woodberry development will reverse decades of work done by SRA Board members who have worked on a volunteer basis to maintain the beauty of Semiahmoo with the goal of maintaining the quality of life provided by the setting and by association, home values.

Out of respect for all the work done over the decades by volunteers to maintain the beauty of SRA and for the homeowners in SRA who simply ask that any development not negatively impact their property values and quality of life in Semiahmoo, please reject the current development plan of Woodberry.

Sincerely,



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cc: Blaine City Council
Semiahmoo Resort Association