

Nicole Gaudette

From: Lawrence Gottlieb <lkgottlieb@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Nicole Gaudette
Subject: Comments on 4825 building permit application filed

Dear Ms. Gaudette:

We are writing to express our concerns and objections to the building permit submitted to the city for 4825 East Mercer Way. As residents of East Mercer Highlands we, along with all of our EMH neighbors, will be greatly impacted by the building of a home on this property. We are aware of the dangerous and environmental impact of this from the research conducted by several of our neighbors. Our neighbors Seth Davis and Brian Thomas have eloquently and comprehensively stated these impacts in great detail. We are in full agreement with all of the information shared by Mr. Davis and Mr. Thomas. Rather than repeat all of the details in their letters to you, we highlight the following main points:

- The 4500 square foot four story structure appears to be too large for the building site, the height is not at all consistent with the height of any other home in this neighborhood and will obscure the view it's neighbors have enjoyed for decades.
- The city does not appear to be interested in the safety concerns regarding the Exceptional tree: setbacks for the Exceptional Tree and other large diameter trees are not sufficient and are listed as only approximate. As well, danger of damage to the root system of these trees is a high risk. Our neighbors downhill from these trees are in danger and obstruction from falling trees impacts access to the roadway for all of us including emergency vehicles.
- Removal of trees adjacent to this lot in recent years have caused significant increase in wetness and runoff from the hillside behind some of our homes causing trees to fall. And apparently the geotechnical report is over a decade old and does not take into consideration the expanded wetland area.
- Water pressure and sewer drainage appear to be potential problems for all of us with the addition of such a large structure that could stress our existing sewer and water infrastructure.
- Increase in drainage from the structure's driveway will be directed to the curb of our shared private roadway. This will cause irreparable damage to the road bed and threaten this privately maintained road.
- The soil condition in the immediate area does not seem to be considered as the permit application for this swelling was submitted before the results of soil core testing was done.
- There are safety, traffic, and logistic concerns with a project of this size in our confined neighborhood on our privately maintained and narrow road.
- The City's track record of informing the neighborhood has not been reliable. Have there been hearings afforded us at the appropriate times?

Respectfully,

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