

From: Carole Clarke
To: [Robin Proebsting](#)
Subject: RE: East Seattle School
Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019 2:57:35 PM

Dear Robin,

My husband brought home a public notice posted on the East Seattle School property, and I have begun reviewing it today so that we can submit comments by May 8th. I am concerned that the link in your email below was not included in the notice, as approval of tearing down the school is necessary before the plat can proceed. Most people will want to comment on that part and need to see the materials that have come in recently. I could only find those documents because I had the email below. Another concern I have is that comments about the plat are required so soon and no public meeting is being held to allow the neighbors to understand the details of the project before we comment. I thought I was on a list to receive updates, so I was concerned to see how much has happened since I last heard from you on November 26 of last year. Finally, on the plat map, there are squares and then shapes inside the squares that are marked 8200 square feet. I assume that is the lot, but the shape, square feet, and entryway for each house is not shown. What is the rest of the space in the square? It seems to me that the plat process should not be allowed to proceed before SEPA demolition review is complete.

What environmental impacts will be considered for SB19-002? Do concerns about tree removal, building height, traffic, loss of recreation space count? What other areas are underconsideration?

Thank you for any information you can provide, Carole Clarke

From: Robin Proebsting [mailto:robin.proebsting@mercergov.org]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Carole Clarke
Subject: RE: East Seattle School

Greetings Carole,

Thank you for providing input on the SEPA review of the demolition permit application for the former site of the Boys and Girls Club. I appreciate hearing about your concerns.

To clarify the scope of the proposal, no change to the zoning of this property has been proposed. The property is zoned R-8.4 (Residential, 8,400 square foot lots) and the SEPA review currently underway does not have any effect on that.

I expect to send a review letter to the applicant this week requesting additional study of the building. When this information has been received, it will be placed in the public folder for this project, located online here: <https://mieplan.mercergov.org/public/SEP17-020/>. The City does not anticipate receiving new information for a number of weeks.

If you have specific questions about the review process, please feel free to contact me. I have added

you to the parties of record list being kept for this project.

Thank you again,
Robin

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From: Carole Clarke [<mailto:carole@clarkeconsulting.com>]
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Subject: East Seattle School

I am writing out of concern to prevent or, at least delay, the demolition of East Seattle School. I live a block above the school and can see the top of the school from my house, along with the trees on the property. I believe the development of the school property will impact all of us in the surrounding neighborhood, and we have received no notice of the plans for development. I just learned on NextDoor that the property has been upzoned, and surely we who live nearby should have received notice of the plan to change the zoning.

I suggest a delay in allowing the demolition until the city can convene a public meeting (with adequate notice) of all property owners in a three block radius. For once in this city, we need to pause and look at concepts of historical preservation, traffic congestion, compatibility and respect for neighborhoods. During the hearings on the residential development code, I spoke on the record to the Planning Commission about my concern for involving the neighbors in the planning of the future of this property. To forge ahead without adequate discussion of alternatives would be a disservice to the West Seattle Community.

I would like to receive notice of any steps I need to take to help plan community meetings, preserve legal rights and to speak at any hearings that may be held, including appealing any decisions.

Thank you,

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