

Ann Hillier

From: Globe@zipcon.com <globe@zipcon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Ann Hillier; globe@zipcon.com
Subject: Re: Comments re Lot 5 & 6 Soundview Dr NE properties use of "Reasonable use Exception & variance"

I wanted to give you a clearer picture of our neighborhood on Soundview Dr NE. We are a pedestrian neighborhood; kids ride their bikes and skateboard up and down our street. People walk their dogs, they jog, mothers walk their kids in strollers, other people amble around for exercise, bird watch. We join Belfair and are the main gateway to the very busy and beautiful Fort Ward Park. A lot of the housing along Soundview DR is newish a lot of it is older dating back from the time it was a naval base and before. One house right on the SE corner of Belfair and Soundview across from the two properties in question is a much older home and has been painstakingly restored and kept up by the longtime owners. They have created beautiful gardens and have made by hand gingerbread decorations in period for their home. They will be impacted by the decision to ignore our established setbacks and let multistoried home be built on top of them, actually two multi storied hulking homes of over 2,000 Sq ft apiece on small lots built to Soundview Dr NE. Some of these homes are original naval buildings while small they are cared for and lovingly lived by their owners. Ours is not a throwaway community just because it is older and smaller. We have value also. We also must not let way of life out here be damaged.

I hope I will be able to come and speak with you in person about this issue.

Thank you

Carolyn Siscoe

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: Ann Hillier

Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 11:53 AM

To: globe@zipcon.com

Subject: RE: Comments re Lot 5 & 6 Soundview Dr NE properties use of "Reasonable use Exception & variance"

Thank you for your comment. I've added it to the record.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: globe@zipcon.com <globe@zipcon.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 3:40 PM

To: Ann Hillier <ahillier@bainbridgewa.gov>

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Subject: Comments re Lot 5 & 6 Soundview Dr NE properties use of "Reasonable use Exception & variance"

Dear Ann Hillier,

First I don't envy your job. I think it is very difficult to be fair in contested land use cases because you think you need to be reasonable and say yes. When it may not be always necessary to say yes, building always goes on its way.

I don't understand the use of "Reasonable Use Exception & Variance" It seems to be a term which would be used in dealing with smaller mundane things not something as big as this. Also to whom is it reasonable? Both lots can be built on with a very livable houses in each case as they are.

The owner Inhabit Limited Liability Com just wants more.

Everyone knows those two lots are considered Wet and everyone knows that since the creation of Fort Ward Estates there were setbacks which were followed by everyone who has built out there. It has created a privacy and harmony. You may not realize it unless you have taken the trouble to view the area that Soundview Dr NE is a very narrow street. Allowing someone to circumvent the est. practice to build to the narrow street a huge hulking multi story house will create discomfiture with the folks across the street.

It will also create traffic problems. And it will look funny. We have already seen what happens when builders do not respect the environment, we have those 3 large houses just south of Kitsap on Fort Ward Hill which were built on wetlands which were a natural drain. It took over 2 years and tons of straw and other fill to dry them up. The houses took years to sell and have changed hands several times. I would think they will always have damp problems. No one can understand why the City gave the go ahead on that project.

Who will foot the bill for making Belfair from Soundview DR NE to Douglas into a real street.? Is the City, meaning us, going to pay these extras?

Your okaying this building project runs in the face of the strong trends of living small, respecting the environment and conserving the Island is heading. As you may know recently elected members to the City Council all favored these trends. Fort Ward is represent in the City Council by one of these newly elected councilmen. What you are allowing is the old way of doing things, environment be dammed.

thank you for your attention,
Carolyn Siscoe