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To: PCD
Subject: Comment about proposed Bloedel construction

I am writing to submit a comment concerning the proposed changes in parking and entrances at the Bloedel Reserve. I would like to request that this permit be denied for the following reasons:

1. It would change the character of the residential neighborhood in which it has become an increasingly commercial presence over the past few years. This new design would transform it physically from a nonprofit reserve to something more like a theme park or casino. This adversely impacts the quality of life and economic interests of the residents of the Agate Point loop.
2. By attracting more cars and larger busses to the neighborhood it worsens an already dangerous traffic situation. Several people have already been killed at the intersection of 305 and Agatewood, and very recently there was another fatality at the intersection of West Port Madison and 305, one block south. The additional traffic to Bloedel exacerbates this risk, especially because tourists are unfamiliar with this dangerous intersection.
3. There is only one exit from the Agate Point loop. If the City is to accommodate the expansion of tourist traffic to Bloedel we need a thorough redesign of road access into Agatewood and neighborhoods to our south.

Thank you for considering this comment. I have been a resident of this neighborhood for 15 years, as well as a dues-paying member of the Bloedel Reserve as long as we've lived here. I dearly love this area and want to protect its unique character.

Kind regards,

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