



Date: June 18, 2019

Planning Commission Public Hearing

Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Testimony Record

7:36pm – 8:06pm

Testimony given by:

Mary Mayberry – 109 Eldredge Ave NW

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Summarized Comments: *Audio Recording is on the city web-site*

- We need more recreational uses for citizens, can you specify what they have to put in the park, I think there needs to be more than five (5) acres.
- Do not allow building until traffic on Hwy 162 is taken care of.
- There are people using that property for weddings and pictures, the city should require a permit (toll) for them to do that and earn revenues.
- A Department of Natural Resources should have a satellite office on this property given the fishing that occurs here.
- There should be an area set aside for school use. They could use it now for like FAA, or agriculture
- WDOT, Pierce County and the school should be at these meetings.
- We are not getting anywhere.
- I heard there was an on-line petition against this.

- By allowing rental properties you are diminishing our city. You are going to get Section 8 here. There will be 10 people living in one unit. I have seen it.
- I prefer single family homes compared to apartments, duplex, etc...owners will take pride in their home, not renters.
- You need to take more time with this and not rush it.
- Council's intent is to ignore the Planning Commission.
- Proud of the work that I have seen from the Planning Commission.
- Evacuation is my concern; lahar, flood, earthquakes, fire, all natural disasters...people couldn't get out of town during the 2009 flooding. Evacuation has to be considered.
- Tell developers "no".
- Previous administration, council and mayor have added to this issue.
- Water is in trouble now and the sewer plant can't handle more water.
- School, police and fire are already in trouble, this development will make it worse.
- I have submitted a written comment. Take your time to make your recommendations.
- Thank you, it is refreshing to see the Planning Commission work towards setting things up for Orting.
- Dot your "i's" and cross your "t's", and look for possible loopholes the developers may try.
- Developers will come if they really want to.
- Both properties are owned by the same corporation under two (2) different names. In 2016 they change the taxation to "Open Space" and pay very little.
- What if the developers comes back and asks for more changes a few years down the road when they can't do what you want?
- Short term fix for a long term problems.
- There will be a new election in November, why does this have to be settled now, there will be different people in office to make decisions then.
- Developers are in and out and will not have to deal with the traffic, schools and etc..
- Tell the developers what you want and they can deal with it.
- Stand your ground, just don't roll over.
- Why are we bending for the developers?
- I don't feel like we are being told everything.
- The white deer are there, I do not want any developing on that property.
- Interesting on how the MUTCN and the Wang property are looked at.
- Citizens do not look at the money part of this, no one is going to get rich off of this.
- I have not heard how developing this property helps schools, fire and traffic.
- Haven't heard any long range plans. We are going to have Tehaleh and another development up on 200th, they will be all using the same roads.
- Why develop if not helping schools, traffic, fire or evacuation, don't' do it.
- We need to leave the planet as we got it.