

Lisa Clausen

From: Scott Greenberg
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 10:35 AM
To: 'cgaux32@clearwire.net'
Cc: Council
Subject: S. 148th Street

Mr. Rubbert: I was given a copy of your e-mail to the City Council for a response. At the April 29th public meeting on the Northeast Redevelopment Area plans, a majority of residents in your neighborhood asked the City to close several streets adjacent to Port owned properties along S. 147th and S. 148th Streets. On June 29, city staff sent a letter to residents in your neighborhood requesting comments on proposed street closures. All responses except one were in favor of the closures as proposed by Burien Public Works, Police and Fire. The closures were then implemented on July 22 in accordance with the letter. The Port of Seattle will soon be communicating with your neighborhood on their plans for upkeep of their properties.

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From: Gene [mailto:cgaux32@clearwire.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 10:46 AM
To: Council
Subject: S 148th St

City Council & Citizens of Burien

As I predicted I received the documents I requested on the closure of S 148th St just as the street was closed. I was notified by voice mail on Monday 20 June 2009 that the requested documents were ready. In addition, the last day for comments was Wednesday 15 June 2009 and on Wednesday 22 June 2009 before 10 AM, the street was closed. That leaves a maximum of four working days to review the comments, letters, concerns, and cares of the homeowners and citizens that live in the area. It is amazing how fast the city can move when they want to.

Were any of the concerns of the citizens addressed? As the Port of Seattle (POS) requested this closure, was the city of Burien able to get any concessions from the POS concerning the maintenance of the property as I suggested in my

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response? In the past, they have done a poor job at best of property maintenance; I believe the weeds are cut about every three years.

I see this as another indication that the City Council, Mayor, and City Manager have no real concerns for the homeowners of this area. Every time I see something from the City of Burien concerning this area, I suspect a snake in the grass. Again, this time I found it.

Most City Council members received an email from me on this issue. Only two responded, Rose Clark and Lucy Karkowiak. Although I was never able to speak with either of them at least they showed some concern regardless of how minimal it was. I would like to have had a dialog with someone about the process of this road closure it never happened. It appears that our City Council members have joined with the POS. They are much too busy and lack any concern for any of us who live in the "Crotch" of Burien. This was once a thriving neighborhood but it was destroyed by the POS with what appears to be the approval of the city council.

I do remember during elections that some council members came to the neighborhood asking for votes. However, since then I have not seen any elected officials in this area.

Gene Rubbert

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Burien WA 98168

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From: Council
To: Gene
Subject: RE: S 148th St

Thank you for your message. It will be referred to the appropriate City staff and included in the Correspondence for the Record.

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 City Manager's Office

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