

From: Council
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 11:27 AM
To: 'Jessica Dobson'
Subject: RE: Proposed location of new fire station

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate City staff and included in the Correspondence for the Record for a future City Council meeting. The Council welcomes public comment at the beginning of each Council meeting, held at 7:00 p.m. on the first, second and fourth Monday of the month.

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From: Jessica Dobson [mailto:jess-dbsn@live.com]
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Council
Subject: Proposed location of new fire station

Dear Burien City Council,

I have recently heard the new fire station will be built in a residential neighborhood. As a nearby resident of the proposed new location I am deeply concerned; not only for the loss of one of the few historic landmarks in Burien but also because of the noise pollution that will be added in the new location. I ask the city to PLEASE reconsider the sale of the municipal parking lot to the fire department in order to keep the station in the downtown area in which it belongs. I cannot see why the city wouldn't want the old, outdated strip mall torn down to make room for a beautiful new fire station. I understand the council is concerned about the loss of parking in the downtown area. However once the fire station is moved couldn't the old location of the fire department be turned into municipal parking? This on top of the fact the city is gaining a new parking garage on the corner of 4th and 151st, surely this would provide ample parking for the city. There are plenty of ugly things in Burien that could be torn down to make room for additional parking, why must the citizens lose a landmark simply because the city cannot see past the temporary loss of an unused parking lot.

146th street and its surrounding area is one of the few neighborhoods in Burien where citizens can purchase affordable, well maintained homes. Moving the fire station to this location will surely send this neighborhood downhill. As if the noise from the frequent helicopters flying above and the new noise of the 3rd runway were not enough the added noise of sirens surely will make residents feel as though they live in the Ghetto. As a citizen of Burien when and where can I make my voice heard on this issue?

Thank you in advance for your concern pertaining to this issue,

Jessica Dobson

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