



CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Written Public Comments For Meeting Of 4/5/2010

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The Shoreline Master Program is being passed on to the Council for review.

The Planning Department has drafted a schedule by which the Council might review the SMP. The schedule is thoughtfully laid out, with six meetings covering a period of 11 weeks and includes a couple of Public Hearings. There appears to be ample time for meaningful discussion, understanding and review. I would caution the Council about depending solely on Public Hearings and written comments as a means of rationalizing that "public involvement" has occurred. The three minute sound-bites are only one-way and the focus is less on the quality of the involvement and more on churning people through the Process.

During this evening's discussion of the SMP review schedule, I would like to suggest that the Council explore ideas on how some of the meetings during this 10 -11 week period can be designed to be more inclusive, open to dialogue and include direct interaction between the Council and the citizens.

Thank you.