

October 24, 2011

To the Burien City Council

RE: Shoreline Master Plan-BMHA's letter to the Council and the possible formation of a small citizen/staff working group to negotiate with DOE on the SMP.

To the City Council Members;

In tonight's Council meeting packet is a letter from the Burien Marine Homeowners Association (BMHA). This letter is suggesting the formation of a small working group to negotiate the remaining unresolved issues of the Shoreline Master Plan. Should this approach be pursued by the City of Burien, the Lake Burien Neighborhood is requesting that a representative of its group be included as a member of the working group for these reasons:

1. Members of the Lake Burien Neighborhood gave testimony during the SMP process and at the Department of Ecology (DOE) Public Hearing about their concerns and, as such, are people of standing in this process. The Lake Burien Neighborhood represents a larger group of residents and petitioners than does the Lake Burien Shore Club. However, the Lake Burien Neighborhood does believe that the Lake Burien Shore Club should also be a member of the small working group.
2. The Lake Burien Neighborhood continues to be concerned about inaccuracies that still exist in the current SMP technical documents for Lake Burien and the surrounding lands. These inaccuracies create an inconsistency between the Comprehensive Plan and the Shoreline Master Plan. Under RCW 90.58.080, RCW 36.70A.480, this inconsistency is not allowed.
3. Members of the Lake Burien Neighborhood as well as Neighbors of Seahurst Park, spoke and gave written testimony to protect the M2 reach of the marine shoreline which contains Seahurst and Eagle Landing Parks. This area of the shoreline is a Marine Urban Conservancy but its buffer and setback were almost reduced to zero feet by the Council at one point in the SMP process; the Council tried to lump it together with the other marine shorelines. Therefore, the Lake Burien Neighborhood is requesting that it also represent this shoreline or that a representative of Neighbors of Seahurst Park be made a member of this working group for the continued protection and recognition of the unique nature of the M2 shoreline.
4. Whatever representatives are selected for this working group must be done with the approval of the members of the organizations they represent.

This small working group process suggested by the BMHA seems to make good economic sense for the City of Burien as well as the citizens who reside in these shorelines and the citizens of Burien.

Sincerely,
Chestine Edgar and
The Lake Burien Neighborhood
Members of Neighbors of Seahurst Park

cc: Comm. Dev.
CFTR: 11/14/11

