

Subject: FW: Addressing the Board - Submission

Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 5:48 PM

Your name::
Liane O'Grady

I represent::
myself

Municipality/Electoral Area in which you reside::
Victoria

I wish to address::
Regional Parks Committee

Meeting Date::
February 21, 2018

Agenda Item::
1980 Fairfield Place - application for 5 variances

My reason(s) for appearing (is/are) and the substance of my presentation is as follows::
I am strongly opposed to any variance being allowed.

I live nearby and walk through Gonzalez Hill Regional Park almost daily. My family and I enjoy the peaceful, beautiful, natural surrounding and the peak a boo views of the Salish Sea and the San Juan Islands through the adjoining property at 1980 Fairfield Place. I love the rocky outcrop (which would be blasted) and the garry oak habitat (which would be destroyed) and the view (which would be destroyed). I have lived in Victoria 25 years in total and have witnessed the gradual, cumulative eradication of these beautiful pockets of nature in favour of excessive development and the building of huge, high houses out of proportion to the size of the lot. This is to the detriment of members of the public who enjoy the natural areas, and invariably to the profit of landowners/ developers who want to maximize profit. I hope that the CRD Parks Board and the Board of Variance uphold and enforce the bylaws.

I understand that the land owners have to demonstrate hardship in order for the variances to be granted, and I would like to know what possible REAL hardship they can prove. Surely, they can build a perfectly lovely house that fits the bylaws and that is consistent with the Gonzalez Community Plan. I would like to know what FACTS they are relying on to demonstrate hardship. Will the public be advised of these putative "facts"? I would like the opportunity to challenge them.

I respectfully request that the CRD Parks Board support the preservation of this increasingly rare pocket off natural space and oppose any variance.

Thank you,

Liane O'Grady

I will have a PowerPoint or video presentation and will submit it at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.:
Yes

The meeting and my presentation will be webstreamed live via the CRD website and recorded.:
I understand.