

February 21, 2018

Re: Appeal #00685, 1980 Fairfield Place, Victoria BC

My name is Virginia Errick. I live at 615 Foul Bay Rd.

CRD Parks Committee,

I'm here to talk about the negative impact of a proposed house with size, height and setback variances next to Gonzales Hill Regional Park.

Our Parks tell about the natural geography surrounding us and the place where we live.

Gonzales Park is a very good example of this, and is easily accessible from anywhere in the city. With its 360 pano views, we recognize that we're on the tip of an island. The views aren't just to the south, but include Oak Bay and San Juan Island, downtown Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula, looking to the north.

The massive size of the proposed new house adjacent to the park will block and dominate some of these views. If the proposal is approved, instead of having a rugged trail through Garry Oak woodland which is the park entrance the from Fairfield Place, 5 Garry Oak trees will be cut down. There will be cement retaining walls for a proposed driveway parallel to the path. The blasting and rock removal for the full basement, could adversely affect the other trees on the property and the Garry Oaks in the Park.

We are asking the CRD Parks Committee to protect our park. On behalf of the many park users, please respond to the Board of Variance and let them know that the variances requested should be rejected.

Thank you.