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Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Steve Fischer
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From: Ben Schultz <Ben.Schultz@microsoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 7:33 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: share/wheel in Redmond

As a concerned citizen of Redmond, a registered voter and home owner/occupant of a house included in the map sent regarding the proposed Share/Wheel Tent City @ Redwood Family Church I am writing this email to voice my genuine concern regarding this proposal.

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- 4) The group SHARE/WHEEL who sponsors Tent City will provide bus passes. The application should generate little additional traffic.
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- 6) Quiet hours are from 9pm to 8am. Tent City has a code of conduct and those who cannot obey the rules are not allowed to stay at Tent City.
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- 8) As I noted above, Tent City will police their camp and members. Beyond the self-policing, Redmond Police will stop by on a regular basis as part of their regular neighborhood patrols and meet with the members.
- 9) The application for Tent City at the Redwood Family Church states that the encampment will be for approximately 94 days.
- 10) Tent City has been hosted by St. Jude's Church four times since 2007 and initially there was great deal of concern from the surrounding community about the safety of the children at the two nearby schools. Based on the experience at St. Jude's, there was no safety issues with children walking to school and that there were very few problems with Tent City or their members. I will have police stats from the most recent visit of Tent City posted on the web page later this week.

I hope that his helps address your questions. If you wish further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Subject: Tent City email - Redwood Family Church Site
Attachments: Citizen email.pdf

Scott and Pastor Puckett:

Enclosed is a file containing the email that I have received from the public concerning the proposed Tent City at Redwood Family Church.

I am trying to send this in a PDF format and hopefully it is something that you can view. If not, let me know and I will send it again

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I will continue to add information to this page throughout the review of this permit.

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Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: share/wheel in Redmond

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- The City of Redmond has scheduled a Public Meeting on Monday, **June 24, 2013** beginning at 7PM at the Church of the Holy Cross (11526 162nd Avenue NE) to take comments on this proposal.
<http://www.redmond.gov/cms/one.aspx?objectId=100103>

I will be available to address concerns as well at this meeting. I have also forwarded your comments to Steven Fischer of the Planning Department.

Again, I look forward to discussing the matter further with you if you desire.

Thank you,

Commander Erik Scairpon | Redmond Police Operations: Patrol & Communications

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From: Ben Schultz [<mailto:Ben.Schultz@microsoft.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2013 5:32 PM
To: Erik Scairpon
Subject: share/wheel in Redmond

As a concerned citizen of Redmond, a registered voter and home owner/occupant of a house included in the map sent regarding the proposed Share/Wheel Tent City @ Redwood Family Church I am writing this email to voice my genuine concern regarding this proposal.

Please help us stop this temporary use permit. This area is not suitable for emergency dwelling. The public transportation options are limited and there is no food/shopping/entertainment within walking distance.

As a father of three young children and with a house extremely near to this proposed land use I am extremely concerned about the impact of an addition 100 people in this area that will be out and about during the day while the vast majority of our community is gone during the day at work.

Please help ensure the character and safety of this area in education hill by blocking this proposal.

Sincerely,
Ben Schultz

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Redmond WA 98052
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From: Phil & Debby Nixon <pd_nixon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: TENT CITY --do not allow

We are opposed to Tent City being located across the street from our homes in Kensington at the Redwood Family Church or any of the 3 churches next to our property. We chose this neighborhood and paid a considerable amount of money to build in a quiet, safe area. We did not choose to build near a homeless camp and would not live here if we had known this was a possibility. This is not a welcome sight in an upscale residential area with million dollar homes. The entire neighborhood of Kensington MUST exit across from the encampment and most of us will pass it numerous times a day, in addition to our children walking to bus stops on the same corner.

While the church is to be commended for helping those less fortunate, they are not the ones LIVING in the neighborhood and dealing with transients in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood home & car break-ins are usually from transients or work crews in our area. Plus during the summer months many homes have open windows or doors to deal with the heat, increasing the risk of neighborhood crime. This is not a good fit. Even the "potential" for increased crime is not fair to those who've paid up to and over a million dollars to live in this neighborhood. Plus consider that many vacation during the summer leaving empty dwellings.

As a responsible governing body, please do not allow homeless people to live within walking distance of our homes. We've worked hard to live in a neighborhood where there are not people living on the street and in tents and tarps. In fact, our neighborhood association won't even allow us to park an RV or leave a tent in the yard because of its negative appearance in the neighborhood.

We are also concerned about sanitation issues. An outdoor encampment WILL bring food/increased waste into our neighborhood and attract rodents/rats/insects. Even exercising reasonable care, the rodent/insect population will increase because the food source is there.

We too are concerned about our homeless population, but housing them in neighborhoods with million dollar homes is not the answer. Do NOT allow tent city in our neighborhood. Many in our neighborhood are afraid to speak up so we speak not only for ourselves, but also for the dozens we have spoken with who oppose this encampment. Many more are unaware of this proposed encampment since the city did not notify homeowners.

Lastly, we are concerned about drugs in the neighborhood. We have been told of drug sales to teens at other tent cities on the eastside, not something we want in our neighborhood. Please do NOT allow Tent City at the Redwood Family Church.

Sincerely,

Debby and Phil Nixon
Redmond, WA 98052

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From: John Baumann <heartlandnw@gmail.com> on behalf of John Baumann <john@heartlandnw.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 5:22 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: Despite problems at former Kirkland site Bryan
Attachments: Despite problems at former Kirkland site Bryan.pdf; tent city 1.pdf; Tent City .pdf

Hi

I seems as though this is clearly a expansion and a deviation from the approved conditional use and should not be allowed. The plans that have been submitted are inaccurate and incomplete and a decision based on them would be subject to appeal. We are guessing at the size of Tent City because there are no complete dimensions but it is way way larger than shown on the site map. But most likely they would still move in as they did in the past even though it would be against the law.

I do want to be on the list

John

To Steve Fisher

The property is Zoned R 4 that is a low-density residential zone. In order to have a conditional use on the property such as a church, a conditional use permit is required. The conditional use permit would establish set criteria for development and use which protect the residential neighborhood. I am sure that in that in the original application it was not stated that they were planning on have a tent City for a 100 people. This at its very least is an abuse of their status as a Religious Facility and the laws that allow development of such religious facilities in a residential zone. The religious right to offer sanctuary is not being denied. The ability to offer sanctuary must be consistent with the size of the facility developed, and the conditions placed upon it approval by the community.

It certainly a violation of the conditional use that they were granted, which did not identify the potential of having a camp for some one hundred people on a small property. The property owners had a responsibility to identify all uses of the property. I am sure that the City as well as all the neighbors had no idea that approving a church in a Residential zone, with its outlined uses would lead to a homeless encampment. Should a homeless encampment be a possible use of any religious facility, including those developed in residential neighborhood under conditional uses, the nature of the conditional use process would be seriously altered.

How do they feel? See what neighbors had to say.

Wendy

The voiceless and powerless are the people who actually live in this neighborhood. We have no say in the matter, and St. John's made that clear nine years ago. Why does SHARE get to call the shots here? We are the ones having to deal with incidents, and there are incidents everytime TC4 is in the neighborhood. They are just ignored. We are also the ones with kids walking to and from school every day, hoping nothing happens.

People stop coming to meetings and responding not because they are ok with what is happening but because they recognize that it does not do any good.

I do not know who is running the camp on 116th but they all seem to be much the same. I have seen the MI report as well as many others and it is scary as to how many arrests and incidents occurred. Just by saying that the police increase patrol and the manager's of the site saying that they will have surety guards show that there is a danger that you are trying to be mitigated the danger that is being created. Why else would you increase police or have security guards? You are putting the neighbors in danger.

I have attached several articles that reflect the homeless organization, planning this encampment, total lack of concern and respect to both the City and the neighbors. The first tent city in Redmond moved in and was in violation of the code and they did not care. They knew that they were breaking the law but that was ok. That is the type of people that we are dealing with. In Kirkland it appears that same attitude prevailed as it did in Woodinville and other sites as well.

Other issues that make approval of this site inappropriate and incomplete.

Site map that shows area of proposed encampment is misleading. It shows a small oblong circle that is about 70 feet by 50 while the true size is 250 feet by 100. See page marked 1.

The larger drawing that shows the details of the proposed site is not drawn proportionally or to scale. Dimensions are not clear and thus misleading. One example; the tree that is shown is at the edge of the tent site in the submitted plan yet when you use the few dimensions, the tree is closer to the middle of the site with the tent sites extending 50 feet past the tree far closer to the property to the east. Does not show any dimensions to property lines.

There is no fence down the South property line preventing access to driveway on the south side as well as to Woodinville Redmond Rd.

Only access to site should be through approved access off of 116th and none to Woodinville Redmond Rd. At the hearing for the adjacent plat of Chablis, the Woodinville Redmond Rd was identified as a dangerous road. Any and all pedestrian access was denied until such a time that sidewalks and other road improvements were constructed. It would be dangerous for the residents of tent City as well as anyone using the Woodinville Redmond Rd for them to have access to that road.

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The full impact of the development cannot be understood because of the inaccurate and incomplete application.

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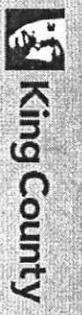
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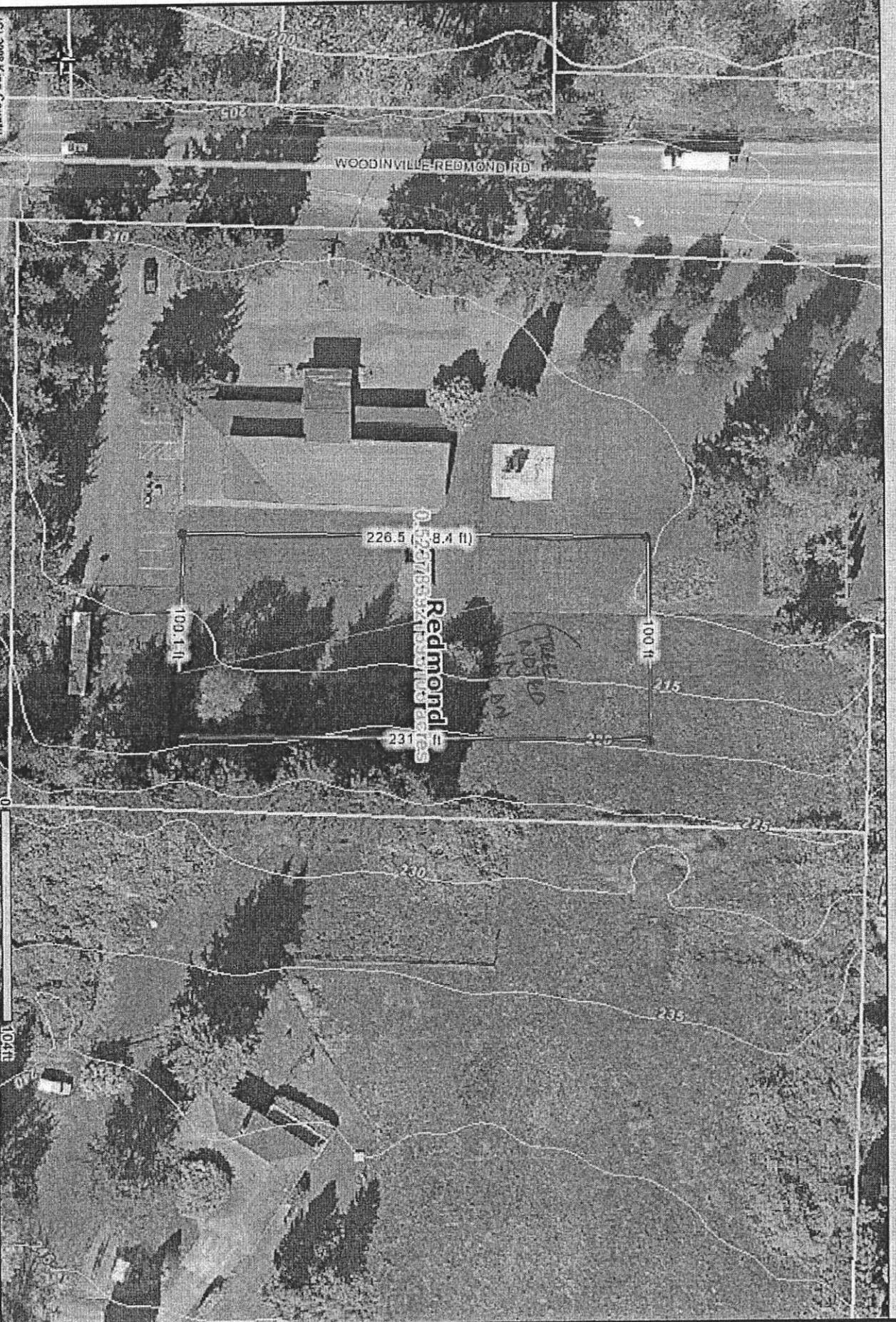
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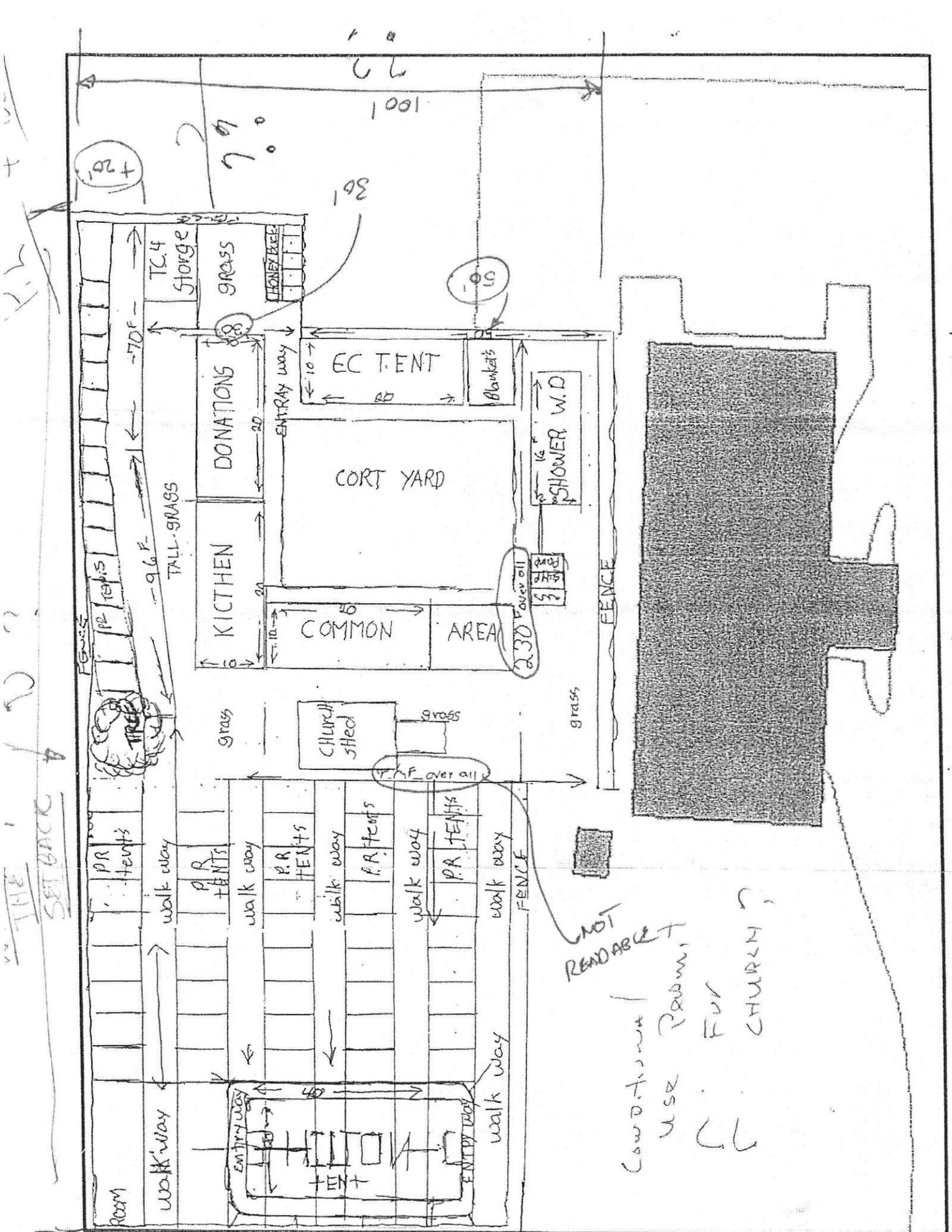
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Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 5:35 AM
To: Steve Fischer
Cc: Todd Puckett
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4517 236th Pl SE
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206.819.1155

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Brett Davis
11820 158th Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 98052

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Steve Fischer

From: Chandramouli Venkatesh <cvsaccount@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 10:32 AM
To: Steve Fischer; paapoo@gmail.com
Subject: Request for 'party of record'

Hello Steven
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Chandramouli Venkatesh & Padma Ravikumar

15711, NE 117th St
Redmond, WA 98052

thx
CV

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Steve Fischer

From: Steve Fischer
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 11:28 AM
To: Chandramouli Venkatesh; paapoo@gmail. com
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: Request for 'party of record'

Mr. Venkatesh:

Thank you for your email requesting to be a party of record for the Tent City application. I have added your name and address to the list.

Steven

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Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Asaph Zemach
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: Tent city

Asaph Zemach:

Thank you for your email concerning the application for the proposed Tent City. I have added your name to the list of parties of record.

Steven

From: Asaph Zemach [<mailto:asaphz@gmail.com>]
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12044 157th CT NE
REDMOND WA

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Steve Fischer

From: Steve Fischer
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 11:53 AM
To: Kathy Olin
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: Tent City

Ms. Olin:

Thank you for your email concerning the application for the proposed Tent City. I have added your name to the list of parties of record for this application

Steven Fischer
Principal Planner
City of Redmond, Washington
(425) 556-2432
sfischer@redmond.gov

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15812 NE 118th Way
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Sent from my iPhone

Steve Fischer

From: Steve Fischer
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 1:16 PM
To: john@heartlandnw.com
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: Despite problems at former Kirkland site Bryan

Mr. Baumann:

Thank you for your email and telephone conversation this morning concerning the application for the proposed Tent City. If you wish to be a party of record please reply with your mailing address and I will send you a copy of the City's decision on this application.

Steven Fischer

-----Original Message-----

From: John Baumann [<mailto:heartlandnw@gmail.com>] On Behalf Of John Baumann
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 5:22 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: Despite problems at former Kirkland site Bryan

Hi

I seems as though this is clearly a expansion and a deviation from the approved conditional use and should not be allowed. The plans that have been submitted are inaccurate and incomplete and and decision based on them would be subject to appeal. We are guessing at the size of Tent City because there are no complete dimensions but it is way way larger than shown on the site map. But most likely they would still move in as they did in the past even though it would be against the law.

I do want to be on the list

John

Steve Fischer

From: Sharmin Baumann <sharminbaumann@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 5:02 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: tent city concerns

Project Name: Share/Wheel Tent City at Redwood Family Church File Number: LAND-2013-00929

Name and Address: Sharmin Dominke 11414 Red-Wood Rd Redmond, WA 98052

Comments: I wanted to voice my concerns in regards to a proposal that tent city be allowed to move in directly adjacent to the property I rent. Research on these encampments demonstrate the problems that they bring to neighborhoods when they are allowed to move in. Multiple camps have been made news worthy because of the problems that have been brought into neighborhoods because of these types of encampments.

In previous years tent city has been at the Catholic church on Education hill where at least the occupants have safe access to transportation with sidewalks to the bus stops and no immediate neighbors who's property may be disturbed.

The proposed tent city will directly border my property on 2 sides which is a great concern. I have a very valuable Search Dog who we keep contained in our yard, but it is a concern to me that a large group of people will have very easy access to him through the fence. When the church has BBQs the kids come up and pet him which is fine but a group of strangers is very disconcerting to me as a homeowner and petowner.

Because of the dangerous nature of Redmond-Woodinville road the only access to transportation is to cross this street which usually involves walking down my driveway for easy access. It will not only put the occupants in danger because there are no sidewalks present but it will put the vehicles that travel that road at a higher risk of having a car-pedestrian accident.

You are also bringing in a large group of people which will disturb not only the quiet of the neighborhood for 3 months not just a weekend picnic or BBQ, but the encampment will also disturb the vegetation that grows in the low lying area that you are proposing the encampment go in.

If the city insists on allowing tent city to move in then the least they could do is move the encampment as far from the neighbors as possible and protect the environment. This would mean moving it to the front of the church property, bordering Red-Wood Road and keeping it on a hard surface.

I was unable to attend your meeting last night because I work a Search Dog for Pierce County Sheriff's Department and we were called out on a mission, but I would hope that you would take the concerns of an immediate neighbor into affect.

Sharmin Dominke
206-795-0804

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Steve Fischer

From: Steve Fischer
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 5:17 PM
To: Phil & Debby Nixon
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: TENT CITY --do not allow

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon:

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From: Phil & Debby Nixon [mailto:pd_nixon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: TENT CITY --do not allow

We are opposed to Tent City being located across the street from our homes in Kensington at the Redwood Family Church or any of the 3 churches next to our property. We chose this neighborhood and paid a considerable amount of money to build in a quiet, safe area. We did not choose to build near a homeless camp and would not live here if we had known this was a possibility. This is not a welcome sight in an upscale residential area with million dollar homes. The entire neighborhood of Kensington MUST exit across from the encampment and most of us will pass it numerous times a day, in addition to our children walking to bus stops on the same corner.

While the church is to be commended for helping those less fortunate, they are not the ones LIVING in the neighborhood and dealing with transients in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood home & car break-ins are usually from transients or work crews in our area. Plus during the summer months many homes have open windows or doors to deal with the heat, increasing the risk of neighborhood crime. This is not a good fit. Even the "potential" for increased crime is not fair to those who've paid up to and over a million dollars to live in this neighborhood. Plus consider that many vacation during the summer leaving empty dwellings.

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Lastly, we are concerned about drugs in the neighborhood. We have been told of drug sales to teens at other tent cities on the eastside, not something we want in our neighborhood. Please do NOT allow Tent City at the Redwood Family Church.

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Debby and Phil Nixon
Redmond, WA 98052

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We do hope that the neighborhood's concerns are viewed as important. Our neighbors are all saying it was a done deal and that our concerns would not affect this decision. Therefore, they did not speak up. We do HOPE they are wrong. EVERYONE we have spoken to in our neighborhood is opposed to locating Tent City by our homes. Since we pay the taxes, we feel certain they must be wrong.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:17 AM
To: Barb McElfish
Cc: Pastor Todd Puckett; Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: Thank you for the community meeting last night

Barbara McElfish:

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Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: TENT CITY --do not allow

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Steve

From: Phil & Debby Nixon [mailto:pd_nixon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 6:56 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: Re: TENT CITY --do not allow

15818 NE 118th Way
Redmond, WA 98052

We do hope that the neighborhood's concerns are viewed as important. Our neighbors are all saying it was a done deal and that our concerns would not affect this decision. Therefore, they did not speak up. We do HOPE they are wrong. EVERYONE we have spoken to in our neighborhood is opposed to locating Tent City by our homes. Since we pay the taxes, we feel certain they must be wrong.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Steve Fischer <SFISCHER@REDMOND.GOV>
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Cc: Steve Fischer <SFISCHER@REDMOND.GOV>
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From: Phil & Debby Nixon [mailto:pd_nixon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: TENT CITY --do not allow

We are opposed to Tent City being located across the street from our homes in Kensington at the Redwood Family Church or any of the 3 churches next to our property. We chose this neighborhood and paid a considerable amount of money to build in a quiet, safe area. We did not choose to build near a homeless camp and would not live here if we had known this was a possibility. This is not a welcome sight in an upscale residential area with million dollar homes. The entire neighborhood of Kensington MUST exit across from the encampment and most of us will pass it numerous times a day, in addition to our children walking to bus stops on the same corner.

While the church is to be commended for helping those less fortunate, they are not the ones LIVING in the neighborhood and dealing with transients in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood home & car break-ins are usually from transients or work crews in our area. Plus during the summer months many homes have open windows or doors to deal with the heat, increasing the risk of neighborhood crime. This is not a good fit. Even the "potential" for increased crime is not fair to those who've paid up to and over a million dollars to live in this neighborhood. Plus consider that many vacation during the summer leaving empty dwellings.

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Steve Fischer

From: Steve Fischer
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:27 AM
To: Sharmin Baumann
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: tent city concerns

Sharmin Dominke

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Steven Fischer
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From: Sharmin Baumann [<mailto:sharminbaumann@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 5:02 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: tent city concerns

Project Name: Share/Wheel Tent City at Redwood Family Church File Number: LAND-2013-00929
Name and Address: Sharmin Dominke 11414 Red-Wood Rd Redmond, WA 98052

Comments: I wanted to voice my concerns in regards to a proposal that tent city be allowed to move in directly adjacent to the property I rent. Research on these encampments demonstrate the problems that they bring to neighborhoods when they are allowed to move in. Multiple camps have been made news worthy because of the problems that have been brought into neighborhoods because of these types of encampments.

In previous years tent city has been at the Catholic church on Education hill where at least the occupants have safe access to transportation with sidewalks to the bus stops and no immediate neighbors who's property may be disturbed.

The proposed tent city will directly border my property on 2 sides which is a great concern. I have a very valuable Search Dog who we keep contained in our yard, but it is a concern to me that a large group of people will have very easy access to him through the fence. When the church has BBQs the kids come up and pet him which is fine but a group of strangers is very disconcerting to me as a homeowner and petowner.

Because of the dangerous nature of Redmond-Woodinville road the only access to transportation is to cross this street which usually involves walking down my driveway for easy access. It will not only put the occupants in danger because there are no sidewalks present but it will put the vehicles that travel that road at a higher risk of having a car-pedestrian accident.

You are also bringing in a large group of people which will disturb not only the quiet of the neighborhood for 3 months not just a weekend picnic or BBQ, but the encampment will also disturb the vegetation that grows in the low lying area that you are proposing the encampment go in.

If the city insists on allowing tent city to move in then the least they could do is move the encampment as far from the neighbors as possible and protect the environment. This would mean moving it to the front of the church property, bordering Red-Wood Road and keeping it on a hard surface.

I was unable to attend your meeting last night because I work a Search Dog for Pierce County Sheriff's

Department and we were called out on a mission, but I would hope that you would take the concerns of an immediate neighbor into affect.

Sharmin Dominke
206-795-0804

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Steve Fischer

From: Steve Fischer
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:29 AM
To: john@heartlandnw.com
Cc: Steve Fischer
Subject: RE: Despite problems at former Kirkland site Bryan

John:

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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 2:00 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: FW: share/wheel in Redmond
Attachments: Owner of Church.pdf; Detail_3526059094_06-26-2013.pdf; Redmond deed.pdf

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Thank you Steve.

Will you please confirm that Sharewheel/Tent City will not be using any of the 8,284 sq/ft that is dedicated to the City. Including not utilizing the right-of-way property & access deeded to the city.

- 4,302 sq/ft - Slope drainage – Exhibit A
- 3,982 sq/ft - Right of way. – Exhibit B

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From: Asaph Zemach <asaphz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 6:13 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: Re: Tent city

Thank you!

I want to say how impressed I was with how you handled the meeting. I saw a lot of unhappy neighbors there but you did a great job of keeping your cool and answering questions. As Redmond resident I appreciate it!

On Tue, Jun 25, 2013 at 11:49 AM, Steve Fischer <SFISCHER@redmond.gov> wrote:

Asaph Zemach:

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Steven

From: Asaph Zemach [mailto:asaphz@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 8:43 PM
To: Steve Fischer
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I am very worried about this. I wish to be considered as a party of record.

Asaph Zemach
12044 157th CT NE
REDMOND WA

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Steve Fischer

From: Arthur Hu <arthhu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 9:35 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: Re: LAND-2013-00929

Steve,

The following is posted on Seattle P-I's web site today. I think City of Redmond should follow Seattle's footsteps to disallow encampments. Please pass this to the people who can influence legislature. Thanks.



(JOE DYER/Seattlepi.com) We're politically liberal, but we have homeless encampments. That's not normal.

Last month from The Associated Press:

Residents of a homeless camp in Seattle called Nickelsville have a Sept. 1 eviction deadline. A majority of Seattle City Council members asked the mayor to close the camp and offer shelter, housing and other services to the residents.

Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn agreed and said the city would enforce the law against encampments. About 100 people live in tents and makeshift dwellings at the camp named for former Mayor Greg Nickels.

But many in the camps don't want to leave ... one reason, and not a small one, is that they have pets and charity housing is a tough bet for pets.

Photo - The west end of the Nickelsville tent community in West Seattle. More than 130 people call this place home, including several families and pregnant women. There is no electricity, showers or running water.

On Mon, Jun 10, 2013 at 1:03 PM, Steve Fischer <SFISCHER@redmond.gov> wrote:

Arthur Hu:

I appreciate your concerns and will pass them on to those persons making the decision on this application.

Should you wish to be a party of record for this application, please reply with your mailing address.

Thank you again for your interest in the application

Steven

From: Arthur Hu [mailto:arthhu@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 12:47 PM
To: Steve Fischer
Subject: Re: LAND-2013-00929

Mr. Fischer,

Thank you for your response and explanation that each church can host a tent city for 110 days a year. However, St. Jude has just hosted one earlier (January ~ April) this year. If Redwood Family Church gets to host one in July, that makes Redmond (particularly Education Hill) the home of tent city for at least 6 months a year. See this news article at Redmond Reporter - <http://www.redmond-reporter.com/news/190409451.html>, which also talks about a couple issues that happened at Kirkland site. With less and less cities willing to host tent city, my biggest fear is that Redmond would become THE HOME of tent city.

Arthur

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Arthur Hu:

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In regard to your comments, Tent City has portable toilets and showers and will not be relying on the facilities at the church. Food is prepared off-site and brought in by volunteers. The Redmond Zoning code allows for a church to host a Temporary Encampment for up to 110 days within any 365-day time period. This does allow other churches within Redmond to host an encampment as the restriction is only on the church host site. It has been our experience that Tent City is hosted by a Redmond Church approximately every 16 months.

Steven Fischer

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City of Redmond, Washington

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From: Arthur Hu [mailto:arthhu@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, June 09, 2013 4:02 PM

To: Steve Fischer

Subject: LAND-2013-00929

Hi Mr. Fischer,

I'm writing to express my negative view on proposal of LAND-2013-00929. I oppose to this proposed land use of action. I live right around Redwood Family Church. The reasons are as follows.

1. Redwood Family Church is a very small church with a small church ground around the church building. It really doesn't have enough space to facilitate 100 people. With the location of the church (being at a corner of a very busy intersection), these tents are going to be seen for 3 months while they are here. It will create a great eye sore for 3 months of time. I also heard the church really doesn't have enough facility (no shower and a very small kitchen) to support such large group of people, so they have been seeking help from other neighboring churches. This is going to be chaotic if that's the case.

2. St. Jude Catholic Church has hosted a tent city only a few months ago and they seem to host one annually. City of Redmond really has no reason to be the host of tent city for 6 months an year. There are many cities on the Eastside. We should spread this civic responsibility around and Redmond shouldn't shoulder more than its fair share. This would have put undue burden on the Education Hill neighborhood also.

3. There are a lot of homes around Redwood Family Church. With lots of transient population added during the 3 months tent city is here, there is definitely a safety concern in the neighborhood.

Regards,

Arthur

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