

Scott McCormick

From: Paul MacLurg <pmaclurg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 9:05 AM
To: Scott McCormick
Subject: Olympia-New Public Park Comment

Dear Scott,

My name is Paul MacLurg, I live at 6107 Ashbourne Ln SE, Olympia, 98501. Our home butts up to the proposed new park on yelm hwy. My wife and I have lived here for nearly 10 years. We have attended a couple meetings and kept up on the website. I have sent several emails with requests and also spoke with several people at the meeting that was held at The Armory (I cannot give you names).

Those of us along Ashbourne will have the most significant impact from the new park. We had a neighborhood meeting at our home, early on, so we could get a visual as to where the parking lot is proposed to be, etc. I staked it out so that everyone could see how far it will be from our fence line. We then wrote a letter to the proper people to express our concerns. **Accessibility to our backyards (from those visiting the park), security and site-view into our homes was and is our greatest concern.** We asked that the plans keep these concerns in mind as things moved forward. Here is what we believe has been addressed and what has not been. (I never heard back on my last two emails).

1. Site-view into our homes: The berm and the foliage on the berm is very important. AND, it is there.
2. The berm was originally planned to go all the way to the end of the homes along Ashbourne. HOWEVER, the plans we saw at The Armory meeting shortened the berm for Phase I so it does NOT extend the entire length of the fence past our home (which is the home furthest south along the fence to the east). Someone figured it didn't need to go that far. However, there will be people walking past that area after the building of Phase I. We need that berm to extend as originally planned for our safety and security, and the site line into our home. We expressed this concern at the Armory meeting with 2-3 individuals, including the architect. EVERYONE my wife and I spoke with said, "YES," that should be extended on Phase I. **That "promise" has not been reflected in the plans we have seen since (2 mailings since). I expressed this in an email to the gal at the city that was taking comments, but I never heard back and nothing has changed. This is critical for us and our neighbors.**
3. We requested that a fence be added to the west side of that berm to keep children and adults from making the berm a play spot (giving access to look into our homes and making it easier for non-well-meaning people to have easier access to our backyards). However, we understand that this would be a significant expense to the city, etc... We feel this addition would give us the needed security. Our concern is that the delay of such an addition will be seen when there are incidences of theft, etc... We understand the expense issue, but I did want YOU to be aware of this request. This request has been addressed with a "no" answer (which to us is "not yet"), but at least it has been addressed.

Action:

1. I would appreciate hearing back from you with an answer as to why the berm issue has not been corrected on the plans.
2. I am happy to meet you at our home or on the property so you can visually see our concerns. Just let me know when, and I can likely work out a meet-up.
3. Please consider this a request from our entire Indian Summer community, and specifically Ashbourne Lane residence. I will communicate with our neighbors your response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Paul MacLurg
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