



Fw: draft Fairhaven stuff
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History: This message has been replied to.

Hi, Nicole:

Here's Tim's latest response. Not too helpful.

Ralph

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Subject: draft Fairhaven stuff

Hi Ralph,

Got your call, but I can't spend work time working with you or Planning on the draft and can only offer a good sit-down on my own time late in February...I have a couple of projects in the cue at home.

Thanks for your message tho. Yes, I figured this might be a City-encouraged format. I feel it's too long to be effective in a planning document, at least the main body of it, and too narrow to be general history of the City and phenomenon of Fairhaven. I would suggest several changes here and there and some corrections here and there too...but overall I think this is the City's call and that it is probably promoting the building artifacts/platting artifacts/business district emphasis because it has a need to provide context for a business-focused land use planning document....nothing wrong with this, but I would not say this draft is a history of Fairhaven, the City, nor its economy...and that the plan document may be the wrong place for that. You have got a great business district history draft going. It could use some editing (sorry, looks like more of them than I can quickly address) and perhaps a little more regional/rural/resource context....the Chuckanut Bay speculation efforts, the coal hopes, timber extraction, and trans-Pacific RR powerplay themes...but then again those are things that interest me in a business history.

Casually linking the native name with a business district/white man's history is not appropriate in my book...the name is not about a city and old buildings. It can be a mistake to use the oldest names in conjunction with a story about something else, at least without more content and reflection. Plus, citation of the authorities for native names should be part of an official City publication, along with correct spelling/meaning etc. Some care is needed here, but the first step is getting clear on the intent of the doc, the readers, and using the name in the right place in the right way...many who I work with would question the casual use of the name as a sort of collected morsel in a document about something else, others might be really insulted.

gotta work on work stuff...T