

RE: Residential Multi Family Zoning

August 17, 2020

Honorable Council,

I'm writing regarding the recent issue of RM zoning and the moratorium on ADUs and DADU's in this zone. I am a member of the King Mountain Neighborhood Association, but am addressing you as a land owner of 3738 James st. This property is currently zoned single family, however, we are struggling to ascertain your intentions re: zoning moving forward. Our property is 6.1 acres, 4 in conservation, which has some potential to be used as public access in the future, and 2 buildable acres.

We share your vision of increasing density to avoid sprawl in the surrounding non-incorporated areas of Whatcom county. But we have been stymied in our attempts to move forward due to conditions placed on our desired development of a cohousing community.

Cohousing vision is to offer increased density over single family, smaller dwellings ranging in size from 350-1,200sf, possible duplexes or even possibly quadraplex with courtyards. This plan also provides a common house, community kitchen, shop, exercise, music and other shared amenities, guest rooms, laundry offering more efficiency, neighborhood connectivity, car sharing, and decreasing our carbon footprint: all with the intent of improved livability and affordability.

I look forward to joining you on you Zoom meeting August 24th. I would appreciate being kept in the loop regarding any updates and future plans.

Thank you again for making a huge commitment for the common good by purchasing the parkland acreage in our neighborhood. Trails, pocket parks, and small public spaces improve the quality of life in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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