

Lora Wilmes

From: Alex Marshalsey <amarshalsey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:37 AM
To: Clerk
Cc: Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: City Council Meeting 04/16/2024

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To whom it may concern:

I am unable to attend the meeting on person, but as co-owner of property on West Morrison St, Carnation, I would like my comments to be taken into consideration on the following:

Removal of Parking:

This is an act of insanity. Millions of dollars were spent in upgrading the main street, which included parking places, now after all this a small minority want them removed. This would be detrimental to small businesses who have already suffered from the Covid lockdowns. We all have seen the catastrophic effect this has had, not only in Carnation but over the entire state. Businesses need all the help they can get. This proposal would just be another nail in their coffins driving people to bypass Carnation and head to Duvall.

I do not want to hear 'Climate Change', 'Pollution by motor vehicles', etc' as justification for this madness. Some time ago, I had heard that certain council members wanted a shopping center to be built on the outskirts on land that is used for agricultural purposes. I sincerely hope that removal of street parking is not part of a plan to destroy small businesses by eliminating parking in town, forcing residents to use larger stores (if approved and built).

The parking on the main street isn't the problem and should be left alone.
I oppose the removal of parking places, and want my objection noted.

Pea Patch:

I would like to know the idiot(s) who came up with this one. This would prove to be a disaster, and land up as a 'Pee Patch' cat toilet.
I oppose the installation of this 'Pea Patch' and want my objection noted.

Alex Marshalsey

Lora Wilmes

From: john@bigblockbrewery.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:09 AM
To: Clerk
Cc: Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: comments for the city council for tonight's meeting

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Hi,

My name is John Julum, owner of Big Block Brewing in downtown Carnationm.

I kindly request that the city council delay making a final decision on the use of the lot on the corner of Bird and Tolt ave. Clearly losing this much parking in the business district would impact all the businesses and negatively impact revenues. I also feel more green spaces and gathering areas are important to our long-term success.

Having a comprehensive parking plan and strategy for the central business district would seem to be a better approach instead of just removing a large percentage of parking prior to completing and reviewing a larger plan.

I feel the same is true for our green spaces and parks. Having a map, vision, and long-term strategy on how to improve, grow and enhance our green spaces would seem to be a more logical approach.

The downtown area has already lost parking in recent years, we are not asking for more parking, we are asking to retain what we already have. My business has proposed adding a seating area in the front of this lot along tolt ave. Our plan would be to add trees, plants, and seating to really improve and enhance the front half of this space, leaving the rest as parking. Big Block would fund this project as well as add a mural about carnation on our North wall. It seems like this would be a great compromise.

Please understand that removing this much parking will have an immediate and serious impact on all the small businesses in the area. Which is why I ask you to delay a final decision until better parking and green space solutions can be developed, reviewed, and approved.

Thanks for your time,

Lora Wilmes

From: Brenda Williams <beawilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:30 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: Eliminating Parking

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to eliminate parking spaces between Pete's and Big Block Brewing in Carnation, in order to facilitate the creation of a Pea Patch. As a resident of Carnation for the past 65 years, I have experienced firsthand the ongoing challenges associated with limited parking availability in our community.

While I appreciate the intention behind establishing a Pea Patch, I strongly believe that sacrificing already scarce parking spaces is not the most prudent solution. Instead, I propose considering alternative locations, such as the Westside Park, which could serve as an ideal site for a community garden or Pea Patch. This would not only address the need for green spaces but also preserve valuable parking infrastructure for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Maintaining accessible parking is essential for the vitality and convenience of our community, particularly for individuals with mobility issues or those who rely on vehicles for transportation. By exploring alternative locations for the proposed Pea Patch, we can strike a balance between fostering green initiatives and ensuring the practical needs of our residents are met.

I urge the City Council to carefully reconsider the decision to eliminate parking spaces and explore alternative solutions that accommodate both the establishment of a Pea Patch and the preservation of parking infrastructure. Your thoughtful consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated, and I trust that you will act in the best interest of the community.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Brenda Williams



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To whom it may concern,

Sno-Valley Senior Center (SVSC) is in appreciative of the City Councils' discussion about the level of discounts for non-profit use of public facilities, city assets and public right of way.

SVSC, a non-profit (91-1156586), working to support seniors in the Snoqualmie Valley is located at 4610 Stephens Ave, just one block behind city hall. We host fundraising events throughout the year, our Annual Plant Sale being one of our biggest, which is hosted outside and needs use of a public right of way.

In the agenda for the City Council meeting on April 16 it is proposed that the City Manager apply a discount rate of (50%, 75%, or 100%) effective immediately for activities such as park reservations, closure of streets and use of City personnel/ equipment. SVSC would advocate for a discount rate of 100%.

Non-profit organizations in the City of Carnation are working tirelessly to help Carnation be a better place to live and visit for youth, seniors, and adults of any background. Most work on limited budgets and the reduction or removal of these fees for non-profits would allow those organizations to use those funds on other services that will benefit Carnation residents.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kira Avery", written in a cursive style.

Kira Avery, Executive Director

Lora Wilmes

From: Collienne Becker <valleygirlloot@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 9:57 AM
To: Clerk; Jim Ribail; Ryan Burrell; Adair Hawkins; Brodie Nelson; Jessica Merizan; Rhonda Ender
Cc: Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: CBD Parking/CBD Green Space Concerns

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Dear Concerned Parties,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the motion AB24-43, which pertains to the activation of the Yoshimura Property. I am troubled by the potential ramifications of the proposed decrease in parking allocation for the parcel.

Upon reviewing the information provided, I observed discrepancies between the brief description and the full summary description of the agenda item. While the brief description mentions only a 30% decrease in parking, the full description specifies that no more than 30% of the parcel will be allocated for parking with 50% of this area reserved for disabled parking. This inconsistency raises questions about the transparency and accuracy of the proposal.

I believe that reducing parking spaces in our core business area would adversely impact our local businesses and community. Our small businesses already face numerous challenges, and further diminishing parking availability would only exacerbate these difficulties. Both residents and tourists rely on accessible parking to visit our businesses, and it is essential to prioritize their needs.

Rather than proceeding with the current [proposal, I urge reconsideration of alternative solutions, For instance, one option could be to allow the adjoining business, Big Block Brewery, to utilize a portion of the parcel for outdoor seating, while maintaining the majority of the space for open parking. Designating two spaces for ADA parking would ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities, while also accommodating the needs of businesses and visitors.

Furthermore, I recommend investing in large parking directional signs to alleviate parking concerns in our central business district. Improved signage would facilitate easier navigation for drivers and promote patronage of local establishments.

Regarding the suggestions to transform the parcel into a P-Patch or green space, I respectfully disagree with these proposals. Our community already boasts ample green spaces and recreational areas, and it is imperative to prioritize the practical needs of our downtown area, such as parking availability, over redundant initiatives.

In conclusion, I implore you to reconsider the direction for the Yoshimura Property, plus the Tolt Commons area and prioritize the interests of our local businesses. Preserving adequate parking in our core business district is vital for sustaining economic vitality and fostering a vibrant community.

Lora Wilmes

From: Jenn Dean <jenndeanconsulting@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 6:31 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: Public Comment for Tuesday evening's council meeting

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Hi Lora, Hope you are well, I can't be at the Council meeting tomorrow night, can you enter this into the public record as a comment for the comment period? Thanks! Jenn Dean

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing about the Yoshimura property currently being used as a parking lot. I don't recall this was never the long-term aim or plan for this property since the inception of the Main Street project and Bird Festival Street, and I'm not in favor of having an ugly parking lot on Main Street. I frequent the downtown core on Friday and Saturday nights, often on my bike, often on foot, and the parking lot has actually made it less safe as a pedestrian. The E. Bird/Tolt Commons area has cars coming and going from the parking lot, and other parking alongside Pete's, etc. Pedestrian flow is impeded (in an area initially slated for pedestrians) and the lot, frankly, is an eyesore. To use that lot for what—18 or 20 cars at most?—seems a wasted opportunity and it would interrupt the whole green space idea of that corridor (which the community has repeatedly weighed in on over the years in favor of green space). Walk just several blocks in any direction off Main Street and there is PLENTY of parking—unused—on any given night. We want to encourage walking except for those who cannot—in this case, putting in ADA parking alongside the green space on the Yoshimura lot makes sense.

Please consider using that lot for green, multi-use space, and if there is parking, it should be several ADA spaces, which the city currently lacks. In addition, it will ENHANCE things for local businesses, not detract. We want to encourage walking and move towards being less car-centric, and it's doable here, where we have PLENTY of parking all around E. Bird/Tolt Commons, within 2000 yards of the location of the lot that doesn't hold many cars in the first place.

Also, as E. Bird renovation is about to commence on the two blocks along where I live, I would respectfully recommend that in the future, the city designs projects to preserve mature trees. The construction engineers informed all of us residents that two mature trees will be coming down, much to everyone's dismay on the two blocks. I'm hoping we can finally get out in front of this issue, and that trees are considered when designing projects. 😊 Thanks.

Thanks much for your service, and I look forward to seeing what happens on the Yoshimura lot! I will submit this to the city clerk for entering into the record since I cannot be there!

Jenn

Jenn Dean

Lora Wilmes

From: LJ Marshalsey <ljmarshalsey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:24 AM
To: Clerk
Cc: Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: City Council Meeting 4/16/24

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To whom concerned:

I am NOT any way in favor of taking away the parking on the main street ESPECIALLY for such a foolish project as a 'pea patch'. There are plenty of open spaces in our town for this kind of thing.

I have been very disappointed with the wasteful spending of this local council. The local businesses need to have proper access areas for their customers many of whom are elderly and/or disabled. I can guarantee you that most of the foot traffic will go elsewhere. This is NOT sunny Arizona. Our weather is not conducive to this model. Most of the year it is cold and wet in case that was not considered.

Another big waste of money are the metal 'benches' that are placed in front of some of the shops/eateries. Who is going to sit on a metal bench in the rain? And who is going to sit on a searing hot metal bench in the summer??? They are ugly, rusted and uncomfortable.

The 'gallow-style' lighting is ugly. These should have been period lighting fixtures (likely less expensive).

I'm still furious about the firing of the previous long-standing employees in the city office. How much did that cost me??

Regards,

L. Marshalsey

From: Tim Harris <timothyeharris@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 4:59 PM

To: Ana Cortez <ana.cortez@carnationwa.gov>; Jim Ribail <jim.ribail@carnationwa.gov>

Subject: Parking in Carnation

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Please add to the record for the next meeting as I will not be back in time to attend I am resident that spends a LOT of money in our CBD, if it becomes inconvenient due to lack of close parking - especially when it's raining, I will spend a lot LESS money in our CBD. Convenient parking makes the choice to dine in Carnation simple.

If I have to get wet and cold to walk "a couple of blocks" to dine in Carnation, the choice to take my business elsewhere is easy.

Removing parking at the Tolt Commons is a really bad move for Carnation's businesses.

Tim Harris

Lora Wilmes

From: Maren Van Nostrand <marenocan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:39 AM
To: Jim Ribail; Adair Hawkins; Brodie Nelson; Ryan Burrell; Jessica Merizan
Cc: Clerk; Lora Wilmes; Ashlyn Farnworth; Rachael Fluhrer
Subject: Decision on Yoshimura's property

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Carnation Council Members,

Please proceed carefully as you consider the future of Roberta Yoshimura's property. I think most urban planners and architects who I've worked with professionally would agree that the property is too valuable and central to be parking, for aesthetic, health, monetary, and other reasons.

This is not an easy decision (<https://mainstreet.org/search?q=parking>), but according to the National American Planning Association, there's a movement nationwide to reduce or eliminate parking minimums, even in small towns. Reasons include de-emphasizing cars, improving downtown health, reducing barriers to small business growth, and more. <https://www.planning.org/planning/2022/spring/a-business-case-for-dropping-parking-minimums/>

Also, **Carnation has enough parking to meet demand already**. A few years ago, I counted on and off street parking spaces within the city limits and found that we have plenty of parking within a block or two of every town destination. The only thing we're short on is ADA parking.

Furthermore, since the lot is currently not slated for parking in the **Code**, it shouldn't be changed. Any City's Code is the result of many hours already spent deciding what's best, hours rooted in Comprehensive Plans. Why re-do a well thought out decision? We have more important issues.

Lastly, this property is a key visual link and pedestrian link to downtown's pedestrian flow to and from the Commons. Plunking parking right down in the middle of all that would be an interruption, an eyesore, and possibly even a danger if it attracts too many cars.

Thank you for considering these key points before you make your decision.

Sincerely,

Maren

Maren Van Nostrand
Carnation Resident, retired urban and resource planner, local teacher

From: Nathan Summers <primalnate@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:42 AM

To: Adair Hawkins <adair.hawkins@carnationwa.gov>; Brodie Nelson <brodie.nelson@carnationwa.gov>; Ryan Burrell <ryan.burrell@carnationwa.gov>; Jessica Merizan <jessica.merizan@carnationwa.gov>; Lora Wilmes <lora.wilmes@carnationwa.gov>; Clerk <clerk@carnationwa.gov>

Subject: Upcoming Tree Ordinance

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Hello everybody,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. I really value our community, our city council, and the town of Carnation.

I'm writing to you regarding the upcoming decision around our new tree ordinance. While I am all for tree protections, increasing our tree canopy, and ***making our city greener for the future, I am extremely disappointed, frustrated and upset by what has happened with our draft tree ordinance.***

I do not understand why the very robust, healthy, thoughtful and well-designed tree ordinance that was drafted with input from citizens and shown to both the planning committee and the city council was disregarded and replaced with a bare-bones tree ordinance designed by the city manager and mayor eliminating most of the protective language and measures.

This is a disgrace and is against the way our city is designed to be governed.

I (and my family and my friends in the community) would love to have an actual robust tree ordinance that increases our city canopy, extends to private property, and doesn't allow power companies to simply remove trees under power lines without input from the city.

Furthermore, I believe a lot of our problems around this and around other related growth issues would be solved if we had a City Planner and/or a trained arborist on staff with the city.

I also want to reiterate a couple of important points:

1) The overall tree canopy/coverage in the physical town of Carnation has been drastically reduced in the last 10 years. It has also gone down substantially just in the last three year. This is not a debate. These are facts. It is not useful to have people who have only lived here a few years tell us that "it's not that bad" or that "there are still a lot of tree". They did not see what this city looked like not that long ago.

2) *Becoming a TreeCity with TreeCity USA is an admirable goal, but not one we should rush into with a very scant tree ordinance that provides numerous loopholes to further reduce our trees.*

Here are some further important points I'd like to see the city adopt in the tree ordinance::

- Requires the use of ISA-Certified Arborists for ALL the city's trees at all times, not "as needed."
- Is forward thinking and states why trees are important (as in our original ordinance Article 1).
- Does not give away care of trees under utility lines to utility companies as the city's ordinance does.
- Has strict requirements for replacement of city trees including a priority on native trees
- Has a strong community education and community involvement component.
- Has robust definitions section for laypeople.
- Has protection not just for Significant trees (6" in diameter or larger), but Heritage Trees as well.
- Has protections for trees on private properties, as well as replacement requirements and potential permits for removal of trees over 6" in diameter.

And, here are other actions we the city could take:

- The city could set a goal for canopy coverage
- The city could come up with plans for planting street trees in numerous areas around town where lanes are bare.

-The city could actually sponsor tree replanting events in our city parks and other city land rather than just cut down trees and not replace them.

Finally, I think it's very important for us to remember that the city remembers that **we have a signed proclamation with the Snoqualmie Tribe and their Ancestral Land Movement that we will Protect, Respect and RESTORE these lands we live in**

Thanks for your time and consideration on this matter,
Nate Summers

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Author of *Awakening Fire: The Essential Guide to Flame, Wood, and Ignition*

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Use of City Owned Parcel on Southeast Corner of Bird St and Tolt Ave

Lindsay Gilliam <lindsay.n.gilliam@gmail.com>

Tue 4/16/2024 4:17 PM

To: Clerk <clerk@carnationwa.gov>; Jim Ribail <jim.ribail@carnationwa.gov>; Jessica Merizan <jessica.merizan@carnationwa.gov>; Brodie Nelson <brodie.nelson@carnationwa.gov>; Adair Hawkins <adair.hawkins@carnationwa.gov>; Ryan Burrell <ryan.burrell@carnationwa.gov>; Ana Cortez <ana.cortez@carnationwa.gov>; Ashlyn Farnworth <ashlyn.farnworth@carnationwa.gov>; Lora Wilmes <lora.wilmes@carnationwa.gov>; Rhonda Ender <rhonda.ender@carnationwa.gov>
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Dear City of Carnation Councilmembers and Staff,

In advance of today's City Council meeting, I am writing to advocate for the exploration of alternative uses for the city-owned parcel on the southeast corner of Bird St and Tolt Ave, currently utilized as a parking lot. I respectfully request that this message be read aloud and entered into the public record during your deliberations.

The Tolt Commons Visioning Committee, which included representatives from multiple downtown brick-and-mortar businesses, conducted extensive evaluations and recommended against using this property as a parking lot. Their insights underline the parcel's potential for enhancing green space and improving the aesthetic appeal of our downtown corridor.

Echoing the concerns of fellow residents and the Committee, it is clear that the property is too valuable to serve merely as parking. There are aesthetic, health, and financial benefits to be considered. Furthermore, our current parking inventory is sufficient to meet the city's needs, affirming that alternative, more beneficial uses of this space are feasible. Instead of adding more parking, the City could consider adding wayfinding signage to direct vehicle traffic to existing parking.

I urge the Council to support a comprehensive approach that respects the Visioning Committee's recommendations and explores all potential beneficial uses of this parcel, aligning with sustainable development goals for our public spaces.

Thank you for considering these perspectives.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Gilliam
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