

May 1, 2024

From:

To: City of Spokane Hearing Examiner

Subject: Ash Place Townhouse Proposal
Escape Route for proposed Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Ash Place townhouse development that is proposed adjacent to Drumheller Spring Conservation Park and in my neighborhood.

I live within the notification zone. This proposed development is of great concern for me on several levels. Today, I will focus on the safety of the homeowners/tenants of the Proposed Townhomes. This proposed development is of grave concern as there will be only one entrance/exit into the development. This is a safety concern for the residents of the proposed townhomes. If there were an emergency, either an evacuation or a need for an ambulance, fire, or police, there is no other way in or out. If the entrance into the alleyway to the townhomes is blocked, there are 21 townhomes/residence that would be affected. As taxpayers, we should not worry if ambulance, fire, and police have access to our homes or worry about a way to get out if there is an evacuation notice due to lack of forethought by the city and the developers.

I live outside of the notification area, south of the proposed site that shares Ash Place and dead ends on Euclid Avenue. This proposed development is of great concern for me on several levels. Today, I will focus on the safety of the homeowners/tenants of the Proposed Townhomes. This proposed development is of grave concern as there will be only one entrance/exit into the development. This is a safety concern for the residents of the proposed townhomes. If there were an emergency, either an evacuation or a need for an ambulance, fire, or police, there is no other way in or out. If the entrance into the alleyway to the townhomes is blocked, there are 21 townhomes/residence that would be affected. As taxpayers, we should not worry if ambulance, fire, and police have access to our homes or worry about a way to get out if there is an evacuation notice due to lack of forethought by the city and the developers.

This is yet another reason for my frustration and disappointment with the City of Spokane Planning Department and Whipple Construction. There are 18 homes that are located south and southwest of the proposed site that will be impacted severally if there were any kind of emergency or evacuation needed for the townhomes. My neighbors and myself living adjacent to the proposed site were NOT within the notification zone and we will be the most negatively affected. This is a travesty and endangerment to our safety.

I live outside of the notification area but within walking distance of the proposed build site. This proposed development is of great concern for me on several levels. Today, I will focus on the safety of the homeowners/tenants of the Proposed Townhomes. This proposed development is of grave concern as there will be only one entrance/exit into the development. This is a safety concern for the residents of the proposed townhomes. If there were an emergency, either an evacuation or a need for an ambulance, fire, or police, there is no other way in or out. If the entrance into the alleyway to the townhomes is blocked, there are 21 townhomes/residence that would be affected. As taxpayers, we should not worry if ambulance, fire, and police have access to our homes or worry about a way to get out if there is an evacuation notice due to lack of forethought by the city and the developers.

Although I recognize the need for additional housing units in our city, I feel that the residence and subsequent taxpayers should be considered by the city and the developers when a major build is being proposed. The need to provide a safe access in and out for emergency situations including adequate and

safe evacuation routes should be the priority when constructing anything but especially when construction residential housing.

Recommendation: Please, before developing the 21-Townhomes on Ash Place install an evacuation route for the safety and wellbeing of the tenants/homeowners of the proposed 21-Townhome development.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed development and anticipate the recommendations in this letter will be carefully considered and implemented in a manner that maintains the safety of our neighborhood.

Respectfully,