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Subject: Mtg with EBNO re 122 Anderson Street- issues for the review

Tom and Bruce

The East Bayside Neighborhood Association requested a meeting with staff and this was held yesterday with Jeff Levine, Alex, Barbara, myself and 4 reps of the EBNO. The meeting was recorded by one of the EBNO reps. The EBNO did not indicate in advance the issues they wanted to discuss. Since the conversation did cover a number of traffic and pedestrian safety issues, I wanted to bring these to your attention so to ensure that the review addresses these concerns. (the meeting did cover some other issues re vision for the area and process/timetable for the site plan review)

Below I have summarized the key points (both re policy and detail) but the main concern was that: ***** the pedestrian improvements at the Anderson/Fox intersection appear to be repeatedly delayed (despite the availability of funding) and the EBNO consider that if increased truck traffic is being introduced at that intersection such improvements, at least in part, should be carried out first. ***** They listed a number of reasons, including evening use and activity in the vicinity of the community hall (and the fact most people walk to that facility), the confused layout of the intersection and danger for people crossing it even now, and the need for a crosswalk to the bus stop which is used by many children.

As part of this issue they asked whether we had assessed the impact of (say) 30 trucks (since this appears to be max based on the ferry's capacity)- on this intersection and particularly on peds; they suggested there needs to be control of the trucks in some way (human presence?)

The EBNO reps suggested an access from the rear of the site direct to Cove would be better, in order to avoid impacts on that intersection. They don't think there is any problem with trucks crossing Bayside Trail.

At Dev Rev tomorrow we need to consider these issues and clarify how to address them within the review of this project. Note that at the meeting a number of potential conditions of approval were suggested/discussed and these are listed below.

The summary below covers the key points of discussion, most of which have been raised and discussed (by staff) already because they are based on Greg Tansley's 7.11.2014 e-mail to us which I circulated previously:

Policy Level:

How is this integrated with City's Anderson/Fox improvement project;
Vision for area based on 2010 AIP Study and recommendations and EBNO pursuing
Change in nature of the area- mixed arts/industrial/food/drink
Cultural norm is for people to be in/play in street (different from other parts of Portland)
Accept that streets need to serve industry, but if intensity of truck traffic increasing, requires ped safety improvements first
The highest intensity for this "intermodal" use is at the time of year when most people are out and about in the area/on streets and sidewalks

Detail level:

Conflicts relating to the brew tastings that are 1-2 per week and usually on Sat; the Muslim Comm Hall has evening events;
Children play at rear of Comm Center on regular basis
Concern trucks have difficulty entering/exiting and create congestion
Would trucks cause backs ups since street already heavily trafficked
Truck route goes by bus stop used by 60 children
Noise from reefers- also noise from trucks along the street

Redfern's project will add traffic and peds

Concern re dust

Possible conditions suggested/discussed (no commitment made by staff to any of these, but staff indicated we would consider them and discuss with other reviewers)

Require painted crosswalks at minimum- safety issue

Limit on number of trucks using site

Limit on number of trucks leaving at one time

Enforcement/monitoring truck speeds and impacts

Limit use to one year

What if the proposal is allowed and future modifications are needed to address problems?

Limits on times when trucks can access the site (so no trucks in middle of night)

What if truck misses the ferry and stays overnight?

Thanks

Jean