

Notes from Janet Simpson from our 2/11/05 Fairhaven Neighbors Meeting

Our speaker presented an overview of the Urban Village concept.

It involves the idea of layering: looking at what an area already has (streets, buildings, sewage, services and adding layers to achieve a more complete area.

Fairhaven is seen as an urban village
.” it will

never be less than that” and “it will never be a central business district.”

The state has required cities accommodate growth.

Ways to do that include

1) expanding out (creates transportation and sprawl problems)

2) increasing density within the city boundaries

a) thru infill across the board

everyone shares

b) use of urban villages

concentrated density in

certain portions of the city; creates concentrated, self-sufficient nodes; keeps the neighborhoods.

The idea of a village includes retail,

manufacturing, services

have everything the village

needs to be self-sufficient; economic center to

neighborhood; need mass transit on frequent schedule

to work

Discussion followed:

Zoning only specifies land use. How do we switch thinking to idea to create businesses that serve those around them?

Waterfront Futures recommended buildings diminish in height toward water.

Fairhaven has already surpassed it’ s target population (250 units?) for accommodating growth.

What should the character & use of the rest of land in Fairhaven be?

Has been no response to letter Neighborhood wrote & gave to Community Development Director.

City votes to “accept” Community Forum Report

Issues of concern: Parking, Traffic flow, Upscale stores only, Height

ACTION: We need to do our homework.

Attend neighborhood meetings, comment on projects (cob.org website for city), attend Planning

Commission meetings (4th Thurs of month; some are general

meetings—some work sessions; can give written

testimony; not sure how

to get agenda)

City Council Meetings – Mondays; agenda listed in Herald;

Citycomments@Skookum.us -- gives email to all city officials

Ask WTA for Route 1 to be a high frequency route (rideWAT.com)

New Projects to Comment On:

Waldron Building renovation and expansion (no commercial parking)

800 Harris building with 8-9 stories and 80 units of residential -- by Feb 23

Perry Building behind Red Apple – due Feb. 11

Feb 24 at 7 at Village Inn -- project for 112 11th street

Next Meeting: 3/11/05, 7:00pm, Fairhaven Park Pavilion