

Subject: [Fwd: Campaign against Riverside Terrace begins today]

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Subject: Re: Campaign against Riverside Terrace begins today

Date: Thu, 12 Sep 2002 19:36:19 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

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Who are you to tell people to disregard the "associates" (the Seymour Valley Community Association Board) who were elected to serve and represent their community. What arrogance!

I am new to the Board although I have lived in the area for over 35 years. I spoke against the speed humps when I was given the opportunity but was ignored. I saw the whole thing as a manipulation of the democratic process by people who never informed me or invited me to a meeting (of the former SVCA Board). THAT IS WHAT DIVIDED THE COMMUNITY BARBARA. When the community was really informed and contacted (a democratic process forced upon the manipulators) the true feelings of the community became known.

NOW it appears that for the five years this former SVCA Board was operating they have not been provided any input from our community. I and my neighbours have had little or no chance for input that I know of. It was only after receiving the draft of the SLP that members of the current Board became informed of issues that directly effect the residents of Riverside Drive. When we found out we decided to make our views known. You misrepresent Bill Maurer's Email. He and his "associates" are not against the whole Seymour Local Plan as you state. He and his "associates" are not going to "attack" as you state. We simply want our views heard and considered by those who have created the draft. Sounds terribly undemocratic doesn't it. Obviously this was a mistake as it appears that the Planning Department and the SLP volunteers aren't open to suggestion.

Barbara when the democratic process fails there is little option left except to find a way to protest the undemocratic process. When you and others develop proposed policy that seems written in stone without including the residents this is what you can expect.

You ask where we were during the last 5 years. We were kept in the dark Barbara. That is where the former SVCA Board and yourself kept us.

You state that you have volunteered and have given of your own free time for five years. Who are you working for? You weren't working for me. I think you have a personal agenda that is politically motivated. I don't think you have done Riverside Drive any service.

I have seen the planning for Riverside Drive deteriorate for the past few years and until now I and my neighbours had no collective voice. That, hopefully, is about to change.

Ken Reid
SVCA Board Member

-----Original Message-----

From: [Barbara Murray](#)

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2002 12:15:27

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Subject: Re: Campaign against Riverside Terrace begins today

District of North Vancouver Major, Councillors, Staff, and Volunteers,

re: Bill Maurer- Attack on Seymour Local Plan

I urge anyone reading the previous e-mail by Bill Maurer to disregard it.

He will launch his 'attack' as promised but any of us acknowledging his threats would be compromising the integrity our democratic process and the Seymour Local Plan which took thousands of volunteer/staff hours to construct, with public input and participation throughout. The time for Bill Maurer's opinions to be heard will be at public input in Council Chambers along with any other interested and concerned resident of the District of North Vancouver.

It is my opinion that Bill Maurer and 'his associates' do not speak for everyone in Seymour Valley. My husband and myself believe strongly in the proposed twenty year, slow-growth, Seymour Plan and will be lobbying our neighbours and friends to support it.

Bill Maurer et al. will start appearing at public input sessions as soon as they can to 'fight' the plan but there are many more hard-working volunteers and public that will be out to support it. It would seem that Bill et al. are at it once again as they were in the speed hump issue. They only become involved in the process when they have negative opinions. If they felt so strongly for their community where have they been over the five long years of the development of this plan. In the speed hump issue they could easily have become involved in the traffic calming question well before the humps were installed. Instead of choosing to volunteer their time to work toward a reasonable, positive traffic calming solution for Riverside they choose to mount a negative campaign after the fact which cost thousands of taxpayer dollars and disrupted and divided the Seymour Valley community even more than the humps ever did.

Bill Maurer et al. likes to talk about their vehement support of the democratic process then why do they not follow it? At this stage of the Local Plan Process they should bring their opinions forward when called for. The time and place for input is in council chambers during public input period. Please let the rest of us respect the democratic process as it is laid out and not be bullied by a few disrespectful and reactionary residents. Personally, as a volunteer on the Seymour Local Plan, I worked hard and gave of my free time with the understanding that the finished Plan would get a fair reading before Council and the public. I hope my efforts

and those of my fellow volunteer committee members are respected accordingly.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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and
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P.S. For your information, it is my understanding that SVCA. has disbanded the traffic calming committee and they are not endorsing any traffic calming measures at this time.

----- Original Message -----

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Subject: Campaign against Riverside Terrace begins today

It was clear at last night's meeting that once again democracy is failing in the Seymour Valley. I had hoped that I would be able to clarify how important it was to our community that this item be removed from the SLP but failed. Both the Planning Department via Charlene and the SLP Residents Committee continue to endorse this development against the wishes of the Seymour Valley Community which is most directly affected by it.

As long as this development is on the table, the SVCA will oppose any further movement of the SLP. It simply does not represent our communities wishes. The developer must be sent a clear message that the community is not interested in any development of this property which is contrary to its current zoning.

It is unfortunate that the planning department has chosen to send the developer signals that this might be possible without first checking with the residents most directly affected by it.

If there's anything you can do to avoid yet another public confrontation between the SVCA and DNV then now is the time to act. We've been trying for 10 weeks with no success and will begin publicly campaigning for its

removal today.

Regards,

Bill Maurer
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