



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor McGlashan and City Councilmembers

FROM: Scott Passey, City Clerk

DATE: July 9, 2013

RE: Items submitted at July 8 City Council Meeting

CC: Julie Underwood, City Manager

Please find attached the following items received by the City Clerk at the July 8 City Council Meeting:

- Photos of drainage ditch, submitted by Arnold Peterson (1 page)
- Letter regarding Brugger's Bog Decantation Facility, submitted by Joyce Lingerfelt (1 page)



Date: Mon, 18 Oct 2010 20:10:21 -0700

Dear Deputy Mayor: I will vote yes on Prop 1. Thanks for your e-mail.

I agree and am grateful for the improvements that have been made in the last 15 years since Shoreline became a city. There is at least one remnant left over from King County and that is the Bruggers Bog "Decantation" of Storm Drain and Road Waste. I also understand that Shoreline plans to take over that property from King County in the near future. As we talk about the improvements that Shoreline has made, we should not forget that a primitive procedure continues to take place next to Bruggers Bog Park and wetland, across the street from Aldercrest school property that is used as a park and in close proximity to several residential units with infants and toddlers. This facility does not meet best environmental practices for several reasons that I would be glad to discuss in detail. In summary, the facility creates huge clouds of contaminated dust and the drippings from the front loader and dust on the asphalt during rainstorms run off onto the street. The heavy 'vector' trucks, front loader and dump trucks create unreasonable and dangerous levels of noise. The drivers quite properly wear ear protection but our children walking to the school bus stop or in the baby carriages have no ear protection but they surely need it. And during the summer months the odor produced by the settling ponds brings complaints from blocks away. The county response to the community has been, "we were here first, you have no basis to complain". These environmental and health problems are the result of a process and facility that is incompatible with parks and residences and who was here first ought not be relevant. After a public comment that I made to the Shoreline City Council regarding the health risks posed by the Brugger Bog Decantation Station, Mr Olander stated "the waste is always covered". It has a roof over the settling ponds, but the walls of the ponds do not extend anywhere close to the height of the roof. The irony of this design is that we get the worst of all possibilities. The research done on this at WSU shows that sunshine aids the decant process which the roof prevents, but the roof without walls subjects us to the hazardous dust, spray and odor. The waste is not really covered and the dust, spray and smell is always in the neighborhood. Joyce Lingerfelt