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A civic reminder for North City, please encourage inside event space or meeting space, in new apartments blocks and office buildings which would be external to the secure entrances. Ideally these can be used by the North City Jazz Walk. As these areas develop, more of the existing venues are being removed. Having spaces for neighbors to sit or small groups to meet during the year will also help the once-a-year event for years to come.

There must be a proud parent on the Council that wants to start the college (145 station) application process before their student starts high school (145th corridor). Your effort to pick an alternative for the rezone before the corridor is the proverbial surgery before the anesthesia.

In some dark crevice of history the 145th study was split into a station upzone study and a corridor study. This may have been done to allow time for the city to gain exclusive ownership of the corridor or a clever way to start building the upzone before the infrastructure was completely broken. In the meantime the corridor is now showing signs of being cared for in a Seattle/King County hospice where any changes could have detrimental impacts on the patient and its friends in Shoreline. Sitting behind the curtain grinning as developers on your side of the road start building, will not make your next meeting with the current owners and users of the corridor any happier. Think about an zoning overlay, triggered while the corridor is under a V/C of .7, for instance.

Its no wonder this winter has been such a contentious time between the residents of the upzone areas and the city were we reside. As land owners we care about what happens just beyond our property line but our Council and city staff not so much. Do you have any public comment that building up the rezone before the corridor is fixed is the right solution? Are the letters of support from the state, county, city of Seattle, nonprofits or unions that swapping the logical order is a good idea they fully endorse?

Shoreline has been spreading new 4 and 6 story apartment blocks like the Alaskan Moose Droppings Festival and has not been adequately managing parking around these densities. Maybe because 2 adults living in a studio apartment have more than three quarters of a car? While it makes sense to minimize built garages with the expectation of walk shed and transit, build a plan now to manage how parking is handled in the meantime. It will last more than 6 months and would likely still be in use 10-15 years in the future. We'll all feel good about retiring it down the road. We can keep harping for more parking in new structures or the city can show it knows how to manage parking in the interim.

Please add a parking management section to the General Code. It should have written goals for how parking should work in Shoreline, and set points that indicate when parking has become an exception to the standard, so the neighborhoods can help manage parking (another function for the neighborhood watch). List the remediations from beginning to resolution of what the city will do when there is a parking problem. Parking shouldn't involve the Council every-time it breaks, just like every building permit shouldn't need Council involvement. If we are building processes to reduce the time it takes to get a building permit, shouldn't we be fixing the parking problems just as quickly?

Do not go blindly forward when the full impacts of the corridor have not been studied sufficiently and show no preliminary signs of a positive outcome. Apparently, we could be held legally liable for the promises of size and shape you will eventually make. This isn't the vocal minority of a bunch of NIMBYs, these are citizens that elected you to represent them and your city with understanding and reason, don't disappoint us anymore voting against a delay.

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