



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Roberts and City Councilmembers

FROM: Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: October 31, 2017

RE: Documents received at 10/30/17 Council Meeting

CC: Debbie Tarry, City Manager
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your October 30, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting.

- 1) Written comment submitted by Boni Biery

From: [Boni Biery](#)
To: [Bonita Roznos](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Public Comment - Oct 30, 2017
Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:28:18 PM
Attachments: [17 Apr 20 Shoreline Museum on Firlands Way.jpg](#)
[17 May 15 HCN to City Council.pdf](#)
[17 Oct 30 Public Comments.docx](#)

Hi Bonita,

Jessica asked that I forward this to you because she will be out.

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From: **Boni Biery** <birdsbeesfishtrees@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 10:11 PM
Subject: Public Comment - Oct 30, 2017
To: Jessica Simulcik Smith <jsmith@shorelinewa.gov>
Cc: "Tarry, Debbie" <dtarry@shorelinewa.gov>

Hi Jessica,

Please find attached my comment. I'm sorry I arrived too late to speak.



17 Oct 30 – Public Comments

- When the City continues to move forward on sustainability issues, and has stated that it seeks to preserve historic assets why is new development going to tear up the middle of the first block of Firlands Way?
- What could be more historic than the 1914 road that defined the “city center” at the time connecting Richmond Beach to Seattle and Everett?
- There is an expressed desire for the city to develop an historic legacy – what better place than the first block of Firlands Way with its brick road and the Museum just around the corner?
- The City has already recognized the value of rain gardens along this street by the one they created in my front of home. So why install a storm drain when rain gardens are greener, retain water on site and clean the water that drains from this part of Firlands Way into Boeing Creek; a salmonid stream.
- Can we please take a longer view and preserve this historic road by simply leaving it alone and building rain gardens? This would protect this wonderful asset for the future instead of destroying it for a short-sighted, hard infrastructure solution where it is not needed.
- I know the General Contractor is most unhappy about having to tear up the street and suspect he would be willing to discuss making changes.

Always,

Boni Biery



May 15, 2017

City of Shoreline
17500 Midvale Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133

To: City Council
Planning Commissioners

CC: Rachael Markle, Planning & Community Development Director
Randy Witt, Public Works Director
Tricia Juhnke, City Engineer
Uki Dele, Surface Water Utility & Environmental Svcs Manager
Vick Stiles, Director of Shoreline Historic Museum
Shoreline Preservation Society

Re: Preservation of Historic Red Brick Road for Future Use

Dear Councilmembers, et al:

Shoreline has only been a city since 1995. However, it has a few historical structures which are much older. Some are more than a century old.

A Little History

One of these century old structures is the original red brick “North Trunk Road” constructed in 1913. A large portion of this original roadbed still exists, lying quietly out of sight under the asphalt of Firlands Way. This section of road begins and ends entirely within the boundaries of the Hillwood Neighborhood. It acquired its’ name based on the fact that it was the route taken to reach Firland’s Tuberculosis Sanatorium (which is now the Crista Campus.) It linked the Interurban Stop at what is now the northeast corner of N 185th Street and Aurora Ave N with the Sanatorium for both workers and visitors. In fact, there is considerable reason to believe

the current asphalt sidewalk that runs along the west side of Firlands Way beginning at N 185th St and the south side of N 192nd St was created expressly for the use of the Interurban passengers to reach the Sanatorium built in the countryside to keep the contagion of TB far away from the density of Seattle.

The first block of Firlands Way from N 185th to where it meets Linden Avenue North at N 188th Street is the City of Shoreline's equivalent of Seattle's historic Pioneer Square. It was the location of the General Store, the Post Office, and the Volunteer Fire Department. We believe the City will want to have this historic area recognized and celebrated at some point in the future.

Future Opportunities

There has been an idea to utilize Firlands Way to create much needed park space without the need to acquire additional land. Because North Trunk Road was originally designed to serve as a major arterial, it currently embodies both a positive and a negative. The negative being there has been a lot of cut-through traffic which cannot be easily regulated due to the original design of emptying all neighborhood streets onto it. The positive is the opportunity presented by the road's 90' Right of Way (ROW) which is unutilized. It has been proposed this ROW be used to create a park-like, green-street linking the Park and Ride at North 192nd Street and the Fred Meyer/Gateway Business District. This could be done by:

- 1) Dis-entombing the Red Brick Road
- 2) Reducing it to a single lane and saving all the historic bricks
- 3) Heavily planting the ROW (which is near the top of the watersheds for both Boeing and McAleer Creeks) with rain gardens, native plants and trees
- 4) Re-purposing the saved bricks for benches/planters et cetera along the green-street
- 5) The first block on the south end of Firlands Way could then easily become a great historical district in immediate proximity to the Shoreline Historic Museum.

The outcome of this would be an environmentally effective use of the wide ROW, better control of unnecessary cut-through traffic, creation of a much needed park space and a new Historic District.

Threats

As development in the area increases to support the new light rail station at N 185th and the anticipated population growth demands spaces to live and shop, it seems inevitable there will be more and more development in areas near existing businesses and bus routes including near and/or abutting Firlands Way.

Hillwood Neighborhood

The Hillwood Community Network (HCN) would like to see the future of this historical roadway protected from any further compromise until it can be restored, re-vitalized, or re-

purposed in a manner which respectfully honors its historical value. We suspect destruction occurred during the recent re-configuration of the north end of Firlands Way where it meets Aurora at N 195th Street, but do not know how much. To assure the potential value of this historical road is protected for future landmark use HCN respectfully requests the City Council to assure this historical road is fully and carefully documented in all City Departments which may have any reason to encroach on the bricks beneath the existing asphalt road surface. This would include, but not limited to, the Public Works and Planning Departments.

We only get one chance to protect the history of Shoreline's first intersection connecting Richmond Beach to both Seattle and Everett. How many local cities can say they have an intact, 10 block long segment of the original, hundred-year-old roadway? The HCN Board would be honored to have this historical legacy of our neighborhood used to create a wonderful place-making piece of history! This simply means it must be protected a little longer, until there are funds to bring its story to life for future generations. It is for this reason we are asking that you protect this valuable, historic, city asset now before any development plans are confirmed.

Sincerely,

The Board of Hillwood Community Network

Ann Erickson, Co-Chair
Christabel Britto, Co-Chair
Amy Huang, Secretary
Boni Biery, Treasurer
Railin Santiago

Historical Museum
HERITAGE CENTER @ SHORELINE



April 20, 2017

Mayor Chris Roberts and City Councilmembers
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Dear Mayor Roberts and Councilmembers:

With each new building that goes up in Shoreline, there is the possibility of not only exalting the new, but also honoring the important and irreplaceable heritage of our beautiful city. As Shoreline moves toward making the Town Center subarea plan a reality, we would like to mention that in 2011, we urged city planners to incorporate community heritage while creating new spaces, so as to keep the unique sense of place that is reflected in Shoreline's history.

One of the possibilities for the Town Center subarea plan was the reconfiguration or repurposing of Firland's Way. (An interesting fact: the name of the street is actually possessive - it means "the way that serves Firland TB Sanatorium.") While that part of the plan is perhaps a bit further in the future, we ask that great care be taken any time work has to be done on this historic street, because underlying the asphalt is the original 1913 North Trunk Road made of brick. Just as the Town Center comes closer to fruition, so does the possibility of the brick road taking its rightful place as an important touchstone for the community's history. It could, at some point, be uncovered once again, and become part of a heritage walk or park plan, even while being driven upon. But today, because a revision of Firland's Way is being proposed as part of an apartment development at the corner of Firland's and N. 188th Street, a portion of the brick road could be devastated if it is inadvertently dug up by jackhammers and backhoes. Contractors who will be working on this project should be informed of the importance of keeping the brick road intact, and should be required to do so as part of their contract specifications.

This is a simple way of keeping whole what rightfully belongs to the entire community - a sense of place and pride given to everyone by a unique and very significant community feature. It is a small detail to require that the brick road be kept intact now, yet could yield a big impact in the future when it becomes the heritage part of the overall marketing plan for Shoreline's Town Center.

Thank you for your time, and for your good and thoughtful work for Shoreline's citizens, today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Barrett Monsaas
Board President

cc: City Manager Debbie Tarry