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This is a copy of the Public Comments I Made on September 18th, 2017

I re-submit them here for your consideration and ask they be added to the public record.

As you all know Firlands Way is an historic road. I would like to talk about the business and the neighborhood sections

### Business

The first block is Shoreline's equivalent to Seattle's Pioneer Square. I feel it is vastly under used as an opportunity to attract both citizens and visitors to learn about our history. The sidewalks could be upgraded to provide historic markers and benches inviting more traffic to local businesses.

### Neighborhood

At the end of the first block there is new development where Town Center transitions into residential zoning. It will create a new "plaza" in the street. However, this means the historic brick roadway beneath it will be lost.

The north end of Firlands already has a new plaza-like space from the changes made with the Aurora Corridor project. The historic bricks are likely gone there too.

Firlands Way runs near the top of the McAleer watershed and would reduce downstream flooding if the existing tree canopy was enhanced and rain gardens added in a manner similar to the work done on 17<sup>th</sup> NE between NE 147<sup>th</sup> and NE 150<sup>th</sup>.

### Request

The May draft of the PROS Plan recommended \$200,000 for item #41 titled Park Greenway Development on Firlands Way.

I am requesting the Council to please restore this item and add funds to create a plan for the business district as well.

We need a plan to wisely use this wide ROW already owned by the city before more of our remaining physical history is destroyed. This is an ideal time to invigorate the business block with Shoreline's history and connect the plazas at each end to provide some green buffer space for the neighborhood squeezed between Aurora, the Park and Ride, and Crista.