



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Hall and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: March 27, 2018

RE: Documents received at 3/26/18 Council Meeting

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

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Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your March 26, 2018 City Council Meeting.

- 1) Written comment regarding right-of-way land dedication to Richmond Beach Reserve, submitted by Chrissey Gildow.
- 2) Written comment regarding vehicle residency, submitted by Pam Cross.
- 3) Written comment regarding vehicle residency, submitted by Margaret Willson.

March 26, 2018

To City Council and members of the City of Shoreline,

**Reminder of the PROS plan-page 75:**

One of the key findings in the adopted Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2017-2023 (resolution 412) is that in order to maintain the City's current level of service of parkland (7.38 acre per 1,000 population) there will be a need for 95 acres of new park land by 2035.

The PROS plan (page 75) states that one of the ways to add land to the park system is through "maintaining or acquiring rights-of-way adjacent to natural area parks as natural areas such as at Richmond Reserve Natural Area and Paramount Open Space"

**This is a community green space:**

This Richmond Reserve and adjacent ROW's are community green spaces that have been supported and maintained by the community for over 30 years.

For example: In 2002 the community planted over 180 native plants and has continued to work together with the city on this green space.

**Reserve Park is abutting property to the ROW**

The Richmond Reserve Park is an abutting property to the Right-of-Way on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

We were told that the documents for PRCS to formally add their 30' portion abutting the ROW on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW would be prepared and included for council at the same time as Mr. Lee's(resolution No 426).

Its not in there. **The outcome we are working towards is that the other 30' of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW right-of-way abutting to the Reserve is to formally become a part of the Reserve.**

**The City Council can propose ROW vacation instead of parks having to submit an application to vacate:**

City Council can formally have the space become part of the Reserve by proposing a ROW vacation by resolution in lieu of a petition from Parks (SMC.17.040) and would not require an application to vacate from parks.

The community concern is for the 30' of 25<sup>th</sup> NW ROW abutting to the Richmond Reserve to be designated as parks as per the approved PROS plan.

Chrissey Gildow

Goal after 1/2 of ROW to be park



Photo By Wayne Pridmore

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thank Staff for their detailed and straightforward analysis of Vehicle Residency on City Rights-of-way.

I agree with Staff recommendations

- prohibit vehicle residency
- adoption of a consecutive parking hour limitation
- with move requirement

If Shoreline allows living in your vehicle on city right of way, I see a Congo line of beat up cars and trucks snaking through the streets - all moving at the same time every 72 hours so there will be a vacant parking space waiting for them in the next block. Some of these folks will be tossing out their waste and dirty food wrappers, urinating in the tree lined lots, and tossing dirty diapers out of the vehicle. And what about the waste from their dogs? To the homeowner it's a nightmare with no end in sight. And is it really providing an improved living experience for the homeless? I don't think so.

Shoreline Municipal Code establishes minimum criteria for human habitation

- connection to an approved sanitary disposal system and
- hot and cold running water.

Hot and cold water and a sanitary disposal system. These really are minimal requirements for human habitation. No requirement for cooking facilities, food refrigeration, or heat.

A car or truck or an old RV cannot safely provide these minimal requirements.

We all know that homelessness is a problem that must be addressed. We acknowledge that being homeless is not a crime.

But what we're not willing to accept is that an entire industry has grown up around this need. We have studies, and meetings and reports. We have "experts" writing books and visiting cities and offering solutions. Governmental agencies are trying to solve the problem. We have multiple non-profit organizations whose continued survival depends on the existence of a homeless population. Nonprofits are competing for grants and donations. These groups are not working together in a coordinated way. And they are not being held accountable for results.

Shoreline's efforts and focus have been on long-term solutions to address homelessness, and I agree with Staff that the City's efforts should continue to be focused there.

Comments on Proposed Changes to MTO  
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Margaret Willson

## VEHICLE RESIDENCY ON CITY STREETS

1. thank City staff for well-thought-out, detailed report, and sensible recommendation
2. highlight the public health dangers of allowing car camping on city streets

staff report repeatedly mentions the option of prohibiting "cooking or other activities that may create garbage/waste issues or other issues"; one of those activities is "digestion", so camping in cars on city streets is GUARANTEED to create waste issues

and here are some of the consequences of that:

- 1) Seattle Times, 3/15/18: "**Rare infectious diseases** are rising at an 'alarming' rate in Seattle's homeless population, concerning health officials "

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/infectious-disease-oubreaks-in-seattle-homeless-people-concern-health-officials/>

streptococcus A  
Shigella  
trench fever  
hepatitis A

- 2) SFGate, 8/6/15: "**Lamp post destroyed by urine falls in street, just misses driver**"

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/City-lamp-post-falls-and-urine-was-a-factor-6424634.php>

- 3) NBC Bay Area, 2/18/18: "Diseased Streets"

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Diseased-Streets-472430013.html>

"An NBC Bay Area Investigation reveals a dangerous concoction of drug needles, garbage, and feces lining the streets of downtown San Francisco. The Investigative Unit surveyed more than 150 blocks, including some of the city's top tourist destinations, and discovered **conditions that are now being compared to some of the worst slums in the world.**"

3. wake up; seattle is already in big trouble; please **follow staff's recommendation** and don't allow this to happen in shoreline

## BOAT STORAGE ON CITY STREETS

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1. why should the taxpayers subsidize parking for a luxury item, especially when the City is deliberately allowing developers to build apt buildings without adequate parking??????
2. when you allow boat owners to store their boats on city streets, you're essentially taking parking away from apt dwellers who need that parking for their cars
3. if you want to have a luxury item, like a boat or rv, you need to either park it on your own property, or rent storage for it
4. talk about EXTERNALIZING COSTS!