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Commission Members:

I wanted to let you know how much I welcomed the opportunity to attend the meeting to hear more about the plans for Shoreline Place. I attended on Thursday May 2nd as a resident of Shoreline and someone who will be a very near neighbor just across 160th street. I was excited to hear about the plans and will look forward to hearing more about the resolution of some of the issues discussed between Merlone Geier and ROIC such as the timing of the removal of the Sears building and access to site.

The three things in the current plan that I would like to comment on that I am not in favor of are:

- I am not in favor of the increase in number of residential units over the original proposal and decrease in commercial space. I don't believe shoreline needs over 1300 units concentrated in that area particularly with the building going on currently in Westminster triangle, the development of residential space at SCCC and the additional new apartment units being planned, built and just completed along Aurora from 145th up to 205th.
- I am also not in favor of raising the building height to 80 feet from 70 feet. In climates such as ours, building up more in height blocks out considerable light and since I will be immediately across from the back of those building on 160th this is a fairly large concern for me personally.
- I also would like to strongly endorse a sufficiently large buffer zone along 160th so that as neighbors we have sufficient protection from the noise and light that they new residences will create.

I would also like to comment about what I feel could be a missed opportunity for our city to create forward thinking public private partnerships at Shoreline Place in addition to the additional residential, shopping and open green space already planned. There are many ideas that could create more reason to come to Shoreline Place and make it a richer and more innovative community experience and will create ties to our community that supersedes shopping and eating. Perhaps even using some of the existing Sears building as a temporary space before it is torn down to try out some ideas might even be feasible.

Specifically, some of the ideas that I think were not represented in the plan that could be opportunities to create public private partnerships that would love to see looked at are:

Some sort of a covered indoor or semi-indoor meeting place for neighbors and visitors to the space. As was pointed out on Thursday, the current plan seems to only include outdoor spaces and with our climate that is just not good enough to entice me to spend time there in grey weather! It could be something similar to the Third Place in Lake Forest Park, but I would love to see something that is more uniquely ours in Shoreline! One of the best meeting places in Shoreline currently is the little café corner inside Sky Nursery. Why not talk to them about an annex to their business at Shoreline place constructed in same way with the glass ceiling that is so wonderful at letting the light in, and have some area that is a mini version of their store but also acts as a community service for gardening with community supported

raised container garden space, master garden volunteers and a coffee and gathering area? This could be an interesting public private collaboration with an already important and beloved commercial tenant of Shoreline

Not just more housing but innovative housing. We would love to see more innovative housing as part of the additional housing. Collaborating with the Community College and perhaps the senior center organizations could yield an opportunity to create an inter-generational living community or ways for students to get reduced tuition or school credit in exchange for spending time with seniors or supporting them in some sort of a “village” model. Since Shoreline has one of the highest level of senior populations of cities near to Seattle, the city could work to develop a full healthy aging or aging in place field of specialty area of study at SCCC, a course of study that could set SCCC apart from the other community colleges in the city, in the way that their automotive repair program attracts students interested in that field. Imagine if a part of Shoreline Place could be part of a living laboratory for that program. As you are already aware the senior center is concerned with their future “home”, so this allows us a city to think about space to address this issue. Or perhaps we could even look at co-housing. There are currently active co-housing communities in our area on Bainbridge and Capital Hill-why not think of Shoreline for this type of residential model as well?

Arts and culture should be every day. While it is wonderful to have the plazas and open space for special events, it would be even better to actually have a small dedicated space that could be used for films or music events. I am thinking of something modeled after the Pickford Film Center in Bellingham versus a mall multi-plex. Pickford is a multi-dimensional arts nonprofit supported by enthusiastic members, businesses, and audiences with 5,000 dues paying members. And it has become a venue for specialized film festivals and film education-a vital part of the community and neighborhood there.

<https://www.pickfordfilmcenter.org/>

With such an important film festival as SIFF in Seattle already, and with SIFF already starting to show films at Shoreline Community College during the festival, we would have a great opportunity within Shoreline Place to create a fulltime community point of destination for film and occasional other special art events that could tie to community more closely to Shoreline Place.

Transportation for the future. While I am not a traffic planner, as a consumer I would love to get rid of my car, but even living close to Aurora that still doesn't feel viable yet in Shoreline. And at the same time, all of the car urban mobility companies such as car2go and even Uber's new electric bike rental company Jump end their territory maps at NE 145th street at Shoreline's southern border. What a great and timely opportunity to incorporate public and private collaboration with Shoreline Place in a project like this to bring future transportation trends to our city and take us a bit more “hip-urban” and less suburban. And with the Shoreline light rail station opening in 2023 just around the corner, it would be wonderful to see some sort of low cost or free shuttle from the station to Shoreline Place built into the thinking of the new design. What a great way to connect us to that station without the need to drive there in individual cars.

I know this is rather a long email so thank you for your patience and for the opportunity to both respond to the current plan, but hopefully also chime in on some ways where we as a city community can contribute towards making this project an exciting and forward-looking project for our city. and its future!

Thank you ,

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