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Dear council members,

I would like my comments to be part of the agenda record for the May 23 council meeting

As a Richmond Beach resident since 1979 at 2444 NW 199th street, just up the block from Kayu Kayu park I have used many different ways to gain access to the beach. Before a private gate was put in blocking access to at the north end of the beach we walked to the north end of the road on 27th and walked down the original public boat ramp or used the trail at the end of now Kayu Kayu Park, or walked along 27th NW to the south end to get to the beach. Prior to the formation of the Shoreline City, the private owner at the north end of the road was allowed to put in a private gate preventing access to the public boat ramp, After many requests and calls, I was never given an answer, other than it is owned by the property at the north end of the road.

I also have wondered how a road, 27th NW, is maintained by the county but neighbors have told me it is a private road. I live on a private road (26th NW) and have been told by the city that they do not maintain private roads.

I am pleased that the City Council has placed a priority on beach access as one of their goals and I encourage that effort by:

1. purchase property at the south end of 27th NW to allow public beach access
2. Determine how the north end of 27th NW was allowed to be gated allowing no access to the original county boat ramp, and restore public access to the beach at the north end of 27th NW

It seems wrong that a road maintained by the city does not allow access to the beaches at both north and south ends. It is also a safety issue, as without access people will continue to cross the tracks to get to the beaches, and many deaths have ocured over the years as a result.

Sincerely
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