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From: Mary and Joe <maryjoe4813@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Mark Hofman
Subject: Salish Lodge expansion public comment

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City of Snoqualmie
Community Development Department

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Hi, Mark,

Please consider this as a public comment regarding the Salish Lodge expansion, as I am unable to attend tonight's public hearing (July 16, 2018).

Hopefully others will voice concerns regarding the addition of another large upscale housing development with subsequent infrastructure fiscal demands on the city, not balanced by the planned low-wage hotel jobs, and the inevitable increased traffic this imbalance creates.

"Affordable housing" at 15% will offer 22-plus units for possible workers, with the rest unaffordable to most valley residents, an unfortunate and familiar story for Snoqualmie.

The concern I would like to address is that this development and construction activity offers an ideal opportunity for Snoqualmie and the proponents to create a safe and usable trail connection from the roundabout area to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Presently there is no connection from the roundabout to the SVT, (leaving Snoqualmie the only valley city not capitalizing on trail tourism traffic). People can go from the Salish to downtown, (assuming they brave two-way traffic on the 3' bridge sidewalk) but there are currently no provisions to go from the roundabout area to the SVT. While the Riverwalk project will hopefully provide the complementary trail route along the river side of SR 202 between town and the Salish, this future route still dumps the trail user in a landscaping bed at the end of the 202 bridge.

Planning a trail route along Tokul road, and incorporating this specific trail connection into the plans for the lodge expansion and housing project will provide an important connection for Snoqualmie residents and visitors, providing safe access to an existing 300 mile cross state trail. It would be a well-used and enjoyed amenity for all of us, and would increase tourism in Snoqualmie, as many other cities have happily discovered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Norton

Mark Hofman

From: Steven Mullen-Moses <steve@snoqualmientribe.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 11:15 AM
To: Kaehler, Gretchen (DAHP); Mark Hofman
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Subject: RE: Salish Lodge and Spa Expansion PCI 18-0001

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This project is located in one of the most sacred locations in Washington and has been and continues to be of spiritual importance to the Snoqualmie Tribe. We are currently not in a position to concur with DAHP at this time for a variety of reasons, one of which is we have not seen the report this letter is referring to. We ask to have an opportunity to review the report prepared by ESRI.

We would also ask that DAHP include the Yakama Nation on this list as they have participated in consultations on projects around Snoqualmie Falls in the past (most notably the FERC Relicensing about 10 years ago.)

We would also welcome a meeting amongst the listed Tribes (or any others for that matter) to discuss this further.

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Subject: Re: Salish Lodge and Spa Expansion PCI 18-0001

Hi Mark,

Please see attached for this project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

Gretchen

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From: Tim Sonnichsen <twsonnichsen@gmail.com>
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To: Mark Hofman
Subject: Re: Salish Lodge Expansion

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1. Casino - It seems that the tribe is setting the groundwork for a later petition to change in the status of the property that would allow for a casino. (References to the spiritual importance of the falls, etc.) This makes \$\$\$ sense for them (and for the city ??). I can't believe that the tribe would build 25,000 ft² of floor space for any other reason. It may be possible for the tribe to later add casino facilities without the need for city approval. Can this be avoided or at least slowed down ?? Perhaps the city should consider this likelihood and impose conditions on the project at this stage that anticipate this and require appropriate reviews, mitigating actions, special conditions, etc. in that event. It may be too late once the tribe's lawyers later make this move.

2. The traffic portion of the SEPA certainly needs work. The document in the city's website references a study dated 2001 with data from 1998 to 2004 (?). While conditions on the parkway may have then been "low" to "moderate", having lived here for the last 12 years, I can attest to the fact that traffic flows have increased well beyond the 2% per year growth mentioned in the report. Morning traffic flows getting onto I-90 in the morning and the stream of cars in both directions in the afternoon are now quite dramatic and seem to be increasing daily. Is there updated data used that is not contained in the SEPA but should have been?? If not, the city should require a comprehensive traffic study for the SEPA and require the project to pay for any necessary mitigating actions. This may be a good source of funding for additional stoplights, crosswalks, etc.

A second traffic factor is the now 87-year old narrow bridge that crosses the river at the roundabout. Essentially all of the additional traffic will pass over that bridge. Can it structurally support current and future loadings or are we likely to see a bridge failure ?? Has it been identified as one of the numerous state highway bridges that needs replacement ?? There is much more sensitivity to the conditions of old bridges now than in 2001.

The bridge also does not provide for the safe co-flow of bicycles, automobiles and trucks. I experienced this on Saturday. The combined flows of "Thomas the Tank" traffic, a major cycling event on Hwy 202, shoppers (like me) and Fall's tourists nearly resulted in a disaster. Perhaps there was a discussion of traffic conditions on the bridge in the SEPA that I did not pick up on. Either way, the SEPA should be updated to analyze the bridge structure, safety concerns, traffic impacts, mitigating factors for bicycle traffic, etc.

I will not be attending Monday night's meeting. I would appreciate you keeping these thoughts in mind and raising them for discussion as appropriate.

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On Sat, Jul 14, 2018 at 10:14 AM, Tim sonnichsen <twsonnichsen@gmail.com> wrote:
Please do. I would be interested in any details in the increased traffic load on the parkway too.

Thx

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2018, at 9:42 AM, Mark Hofman <mhofman@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us> wrote:

No sir.

The longer answer is detailed in the Development Agreement approved between the City and the Muckleshoot Tribe. While there can almost never be a forever or permanent answer it is clear that this is non reservation land owned by a private entity. Nobody can preclude them from some day applying to the BIA for reservation trust land status but that is not in the Agreement, not in the design, not in any discussions, and not foreseen. Let me know if you would like to read through the Development Agreement, I would be glad to provide it.

Thanks you.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Tim sonnichsen <twsonnichsen@gmail.com>
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And the longer answer to the first question is "maybe" ??

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 13, 2018, at 5:06 PM, Mark Hofman <mhofman@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us> wrote:

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> Hi Tim

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> The short answer to your first question is no.

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> The second answer is that there of course will be vehicle trips to and from the Salish Expansion but less than incorporated into the SEPA documents, street designs, and Tokul roundabout design

capacity. No additional stoplights are warranted nor planned.

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> Thanks

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> From: Tim Sonnichsen <twsonnichsen@gmail.com>

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> 1. Will this become another casino ?? Part of the plan or a possibility in the future ??

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> 2. Traffic increase on the Parkway ?? Are there any plans for additional stoplights to handle the higher traffic loads ???

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