

Yordy-Kropf Revocable Trust

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Sarah Fox
City of Camas Senior Planning
616 NE Fourth Avenue
Camas, Washington 98607

RE: Shoreline Master Program Comments

Dear Ms. Fox:

We live in the Lacamas Shores neighborhood. These comments are in preparation for the September 17 hearing related to the Shoreline Master Program update.

Section 4.3.1.8, Paragraph 1) - Management Policies: The plan has long permitted recreational use of lakes within Camas. This paragraph indicates that any use that degrades the shoreline should not be permitted. The greatest single contributor to shore erosion and oil film on the water from the use of high-speed watercraft, especially the new “wave boats.” This use has contributed to the erosion of the Heritage Trails, which the city has repaired twice over the past four years, with more repairs needed. While banning boat traffic is not recommended, this is simply to note that the City has set a legal precedent to allow uses, which contribute to significant shoreline degradation, opening other enforcement activity to selective enforcement complaints.

Sections 4.3.1.15, Paragraph 2.c.ii (relating to the area along Leadbetter): This section appears to discuss the removal of the existing roadway. Please let this comment serve as strong support for removal of the current Leadbetter roadway. It is recommended that this paragraph include language to expressly permit the development of walking paths, bikeways and fishing docks, similar to Heritage trail. The current roadway has become a place for speeders, loud motorcycle racing and other activity that is not safe in a low-speed or riparian zone. A new roadway for the new elementary school approximately ¼ mile above Leadbetter has already been started and can be extended as an important transportation corridor.

Appendix C – 16.51.110, Paragraph 5 – Allowed Activities: The proposed amendments are a significant improvement over the previous language. Strong support.

Table 16.50.50-1 – Measures to Minimize Wetland Impacts: The numbering of this table is not clear since it is in Section 16.53, yet has a 16.50 label. Specifically, the second entry on this table relates to “Noise” and removing noise from wetlands. Jet skis routinely run up Lacamas Creek at high speed, creating both noise and wakes. Lacamas Creek and its associated wetlands are a

nesting area for a number of species. While both ends of Lacamas Lake are designated as “No wake zones” this rule is routinely violated. Use of motorized watercraft should be prohibited in sensitive areas such Lacamas Creek.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, I can be reached at tigconsulting@outlook.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan R. Yordy', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Alan R. Yordy, Trustee