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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I apologize for sending this email so late but to be honest I have just read the Council's Agenda packet. Since it is a late comment I will try and be very brief.

I would like to clarify as one Planning Commissioner it was my belief that the bathrooms at the base of the wharf were always specified by the Planning Commission to be covered in natural wood. We did have a discussion in 2020 about vertical or horizontal siding but not anything other than natural wood. The first the Planning Commission learned that a bathroom had been ordered that was not scheduled to have natural wood siding was when the blue bathrooms arrived. We were then presented the drawings prepared by Fuze Architects in March that brought up the idea of painting the bathrooms rather than putting on natural wood siding. The Planning Commission has consistently said natural wood siding was important for this entry feature to the wharf. We have not changed our direction on the project so it is wrong to say the Planning Commission is now adding \$25,000 to the wharf cost. That cost should have been in the original plans. If it wasn't I don't know what happened but the change to a blue bathroom did not come from the Planning Commission.

I hope the Council will honor the Planning consistent direction that the bathroom should be covered in natural wood. The bathrooms are the gateway feature of the wharf.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Susan Westman