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Re: July 1 City Council Meeting, PUD Amendment - Westshore PUD (Ord. 03-2012)

CC: Douglas Planning Commission

Dear City Council,

I planned to attend today's City Council meeting but a personal conflict arose, hence this last minute letter. Our home borders the north side of the Westshore development. The original approved Westshore PUD noted a trail access point between lots 18 & 19. With the current PUD Amendment the trail access has been moved between lot 19 and our property.

If the PUD Amendment is approved, I believe the proposed trail access would be built within a 10' PUD buffer which abuts our property line. Along this proposed access path we have a 70' hedgerow which has been in place 30+ years and served as a buffer to the former golf course. Over these decades the hedgerow has grown tall and wide and now extends 5' into the proposed path. It's served as a great deterrent to golfers entering our yard, blocking stray golf balls and a natural deer fence.

We have 2 questions:

Will our hedgerow need to be cut back to our property line?

- If so, we expect the hedges to die within a few years. We cut back one of our hedges a few years ago to install a 6' tall aluminium fence along the remaining length of our property and it never recovered. It's been dying a bit each year and most recently I had to add mesh into the hedge to keep deer out.

Will the developer be required to financially accommodate a fence extension to replace our hedges? The fence must be tall enough to deter deer jumping into our yard.

I've attached a few pictures for reference to show the length and width of the existing hedgerow along with an example of the dying hedge.

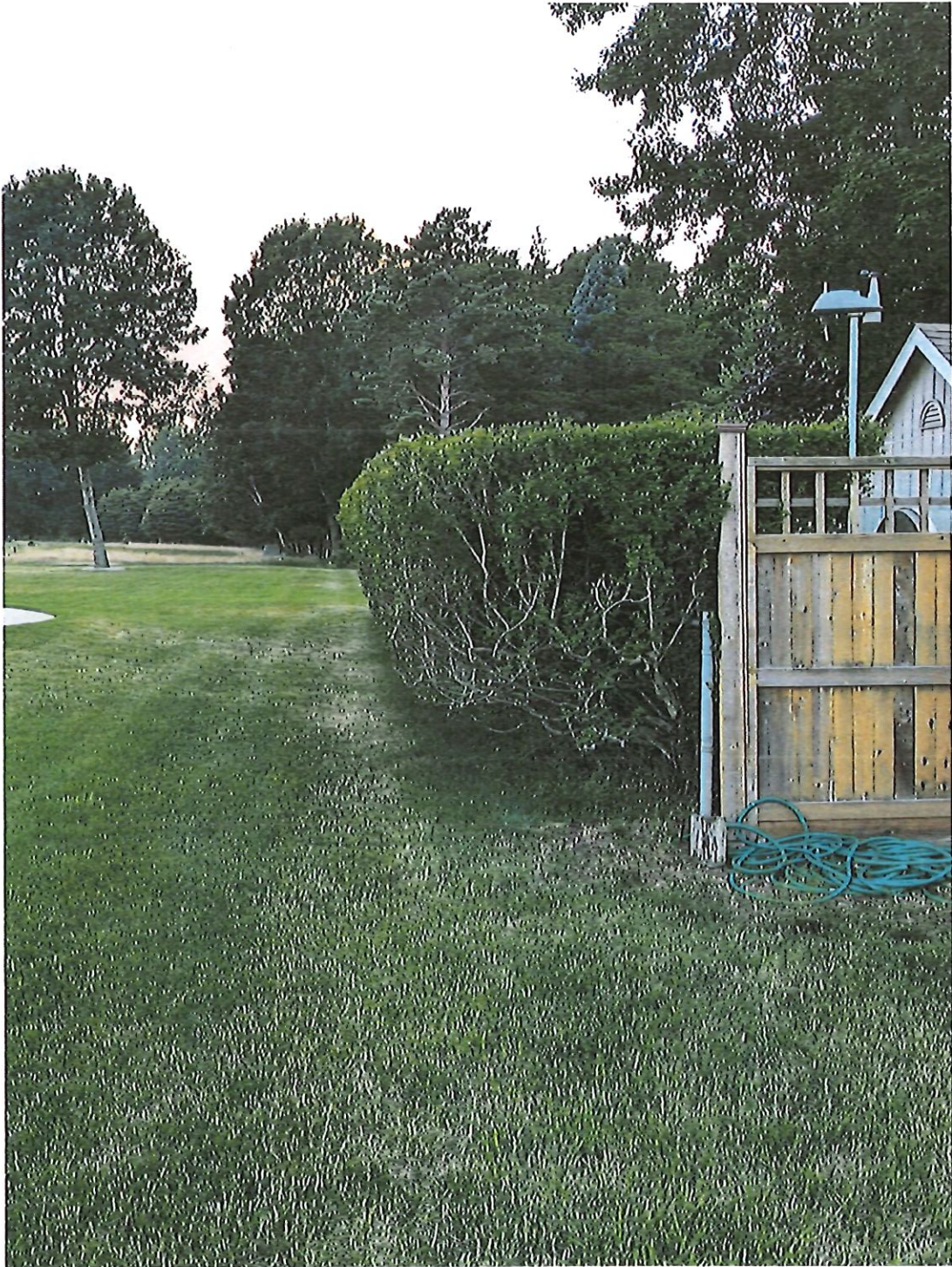
We support the addition of the trail system but we don't expect to be negatively or financially impacted by the trail placement.

Thanks for your consideration,

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Width of hedges extend 5' into proposed 10' pathway



70' run of hedgerow to existing 6' tall aluminium fence



Dying hedge next to aluminium fence. Expect the entire row to die if severely trimmed.

