

Public Comment

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From: Liz Talley <ltalley@windermere.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 9:13 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Weighing in on the proposed mega-home across from Maude's Coffee Shop

I wanted to weigh in with my opinion on what is happening to our beloved Ketchum. It was not long ago that the intersection across from Maude's was pedestrian friendly and featured a long-time favorite of locals and tourists alike - a wonderful antique store with a lot full of funky and forgotten items for sale. That has sadly been replaced with another large building. So I was very disappointed to see the Kneeland Art Gallery move out in expectation of another project and now this - a proposal for a oversized mega-home being built - way out of what I consider commercial zoning and so wrong for Ketchum.

Do we not have any design guidelines or zoning of any sort in Ketchum? How in the world can you be considering allowing this to be built? It is just plain wrong and I wanted to weigh in with that comment to add to your file. Sawtooth Serenade belongs out in a valley with acreage around it, not in the middle of town. Please, please, please stop allowing these work-arounds to wreck the ambiance of Ketchum. It will look like Boise or Bellevue, Washington, if this is not stopped.

Thank you for taking the time to read my humble opinion. Liz Talley

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From: Roberto Negrón <negrón24@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 7:31 PM
To: Participate
Subject: We hope this area will remain low density for all the reasons many have stated

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We live at the four seasons townhouses, off warm springs.
thank you for your consideration
Roberto Negrón MD and Emily Negrón

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From: susiemichael <susiemichael@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 2, 2025 5:38 PM
To: Participate
Subject: public comment process

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The political about face was noticed at the Monday 24 February '25 meeting. The mayor's remarks on how well the public comments went, being constructive but not too emotional was completely opposite of his attitude at the meeting a couple weeks earlier. The impatience and irritation the mayor exhibited over the amount of time it may take to hear the comments from a room full of citizens was disheartening and inappropriate especially since this is the only venue a real time voice can be used to express our selves to our city government/panel as a whole. Neil scolded 'participants' for applause, an expression of free speech and solidarity, there was no booing, stating this needs to be a safe place. Yet, he shut down Tory causing her to loose her cadence as she just needed a few more seconds to complete her statements. Interrupted and criticized the man from W Ketchum who was explaining he was voicing an entire neighborhood's opinion, but Neil deemed that irrelevant. Tripp had to justify and validate his need to comment before he was allowed to speak. Neil got unnecessarily defensive to the point of being red in the face and fairly unhinged with his ego centered response to Mark's comments on Bluebird, architecture of new builds and their placement needing to be more aligned with Ketchum's character. Neil Morrow followed me out of the meeting as I had my hand raised, but of course was not allowed to speak. Yet he interrupted me every few words making it not possible to express my thought completely and he slammed it down before he understood what I had to say. This behavior tells us we're not respected, it's not safe nor is there genuine interest in what we have to say. When we ask for access to a citizen committee or for particular information often we are thwarted, ignored and even our emails are blocked. And you wonder why 'we' don't trust our city government or why there isn't more public participation. It's a futile act, a waste of our time.

We listen to 'the panel' banter their opinions as if this is the first time they have heard of the topics presented, sometimes not following with cogent thought based on the comments made, questions asked right in that meeting, so the process goes around in circles and our public comments float into the ethers or drop like a rock on deaf ears. Ms. Breen can not open herself beyond the trite and tired political verbiage she constantly recites without any meaningful message. "The panel' had no choice but to listen at the 2/24/25 meeting. Your data tracked our sentiments even with faulty formulaic survey. If you had listened to public sentiment on 1st & Washington before last night, we could have saved months of 'pushing' this project through when it was never well received to begin with. But, now, KURA is unhappy, money, effort and time have been wasted. This is an excellent example of why we need a new paradigm of city function.

When we bother to make public comment, we hope that someone on the council /panel fully understood our point, heard it and will digest it into some kind of meaningful response. We hope we hear one of you echo the sentiments as if we have been heard. After your discussion we have more to say, need more clarification, but there is no more recourse to speak and to wait until the next meeting renders our comments less relevant, the agenda changes and the momentum is lost. This is ineffectual 'participation'.

As P & Z, and city council your opinion is to be formulated via the public best interest based on public input, feedback, and sentiment of Ketchum's quality of life as it has been for decades, keeping in mind you usually hear from a small portion of the citizens of Ketchum. You have not been doing this for years and our dysfunction and town character destruction is the result. You've squandered our character and vitality as community without being any closer to solutions. It is astonishingly bewildering how much damage has been done under your watch.

It is not your personal opinions and decisions or 'ultimately up to the city council' that define the direction Ketchum follows but ours, the full time (and some seasonal) residents who are the work force and the backbone of Ketchum. You've appointed people to all the 'committees' often the same person to various committees, to channel one voice, Neil Bradshaw's. Remember you are *servants* of the public. When your actions do not reflect our sentiments, we are not being heard. If we are not heeded, you are not doing your jobs. To have a more efficient and effective public sharing of ideas and taking the time to process these ideas will save Ketchum significant money and people's time and effort while creating and maintaining the Ketchum we want to live in. It's far more difficult to get to the solutions without an efficacious and empowered process to follow. We do not have that process in place. No, Neil, I can't trust your process because it is purposefully opaque and tragically flawed within an ulterior motive.

Susie Michael
Ketchum

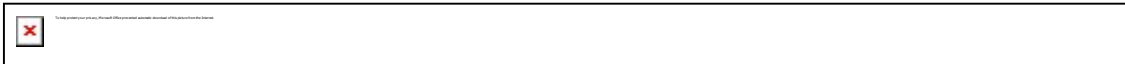
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From: jeremy fryberger <jeremyfryberger@gmail.com>
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To: Participate
Subject: Re: City of Ketchum | Word on the Street

When scheduling the first public hearing of Comp Plan Rewrite Draft #2 (March 25), was BCSD's and SVCS's spring break considered? Many Ketchum families may be away from home at that time.

Jeremy Fryberger

On Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 5:57 PM City of Ketchum <participate@ketchumidaho.org> wrote:



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