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From: Rexanne Stafford <rexannestafford@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 9:02 PM
To: Liz Cabrera; Assembly
Subject: Fwd: T-H airport neighborhood expansion

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From: Rexanne Stafford <rexannestafford@gmail.com>
Date: April 3, 2025 at 21:56:17 MST
To: Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Re: T-H airport neighborhood expansion

I'm more worried about all the traffic going up past H&W as it is already a dangerous drive for the present home owners up there. So if T-H does expand to 13 more homes and the city lots sell, that is the potential of having 22 more households, possibly 44 more vehicles using that access past H&W. If T-H decides on duplexes (I believe they can be build on single family residents as we have several up there already) then traffic could increase even more. There was a time when it was important for every developed neighborhood to have a place for kids to play. It's a long trek to the ballfield with children under 6 and they cannot go alone. Even an empty lot designated green space with no upkeep is better than what's up there now. Kids are in the streets playing all the time and it's not such a problem now with the light traffic but that will change. I understand the need for affordable housing but safety still should come first. And as far as not expanding the Manor, the question then is where is our aging population going to be able to live? Manor is full and so is LTC so we should be thinking of this. I know that property was turned over to hospital so it may be that in the future they will address that need. Is there long term planning for the growth and needs of our community happening? I'm just curious to know if safety, traffic flow is even considered when making these decisions? Severson subdivision is large but it has numerous access roads into it.

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On Apr 3, 2025, at 16:24, Stephen Giesbrecht
<sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov> wrote:

Rexanne,

The Borough is not planning on adding an additional access road to the Airport Subdivision. PIA has talked about an extension to Excel, and they

were encouraged to talk to the Hospital about partnering up on their plans to build a secondary access road. There are no plans to expand the Manor, which should put your mind at ease on additional traffic from that area.

There is no current plan to dedicate a lot for a playground. The trail to the Ball Fields will continue to be available and the playground at the ball fields is available to the kids from the neighborhood. As I am sure you know, playgrounds are a significant cost for development and maintenance; neither of which is in the Parks & Recreation Budget.

The subdivision development rules will follow the current zoning codes for Single Family Residential which also includes what can and cannot be built on the lots.

I cannot speak to how Tlingit & Haida will be selling their lots, but the Borough is planning to encourage the sale of lots to those potential owners who plan to build a house on their purchased lots. These lots are not for speculation or for the expansion of someone's existing footprint.

Hope this helps with your questions.

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From: Rexanne Stafford <rexannestafford@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 12:49 PM

To: Stephen Giesbrecht <sgiesbrecht@petersburgak.gov>; Liz Cabrera <lcabrera@petersburgak.gov>; Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>

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I am addressing some concerns I have for the expansion. Traffic is already dangerous going by H&W parking lot. People pull out thinking you are turning in to parking lot. I have close misses at least once a month with someone pulling out in front of me when I'm heading home. The corners are also tight. A road will help, where the existing trail is, over to Fram street and the proposed development but if the traffic going up and down the H&W hill is increased the possibility of accidents will too. It may not be feasible to connect Fram at 13th to Fram below, as Manor expansion may need to go there, but what about to Excel? Also there is no place for young kids to play. My neighbor puts a green sign up almost to the middle of right hand lane, "children playing" so neighbor kids can play in her driveway. Which means it is in my traffic lane coming home and I slow down and go around

it. These are kids too young to walk down to the ballpark. I know we need more affordable housing but every neighborhood should have a safe place for children to play. Will existing property owners have first option on adjoining lots? Will there be height restrictions? Will they be put to highest bid and bought up for speculation? Which is what happened in the last sale 25 years ago. Will duplexes be allowed? That doubles the possible number of cars per lot and increasing traffic flow. I hope all these concerns are being addressed, that time and public discussion and input is encouraged before making any firm commitments. Thank you for your consideration.