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Re: DSR25-009 Comment Response

John Hall and Matthew Goldbach,

Thank you for your comments regarding the submitted Design Review application. We've taken the liberty of summarizing and responding to the main points:

First, we object to the application because the City made it VERY DIFFCULT for residents to find documents in a timely manner... ; Second, this email incorporates all findings...

The public process is mandated by City of Mercer Island laws and regulations, which the Design Team is bound to follow. We will comply with all applicable codes and regulations.

There must be a priority turn signal in any turn lane for the Herzl school going southbound on East Mercer Way

This pertains to the SEPA, which has already been determined. As discussed at the hearing, the SEPA evaluation for the Barnabie Point Project considers any added impacts from the project, and does not address the existing or cumulative impacts of development in this commercially zoned area. I will note that in collaboration with our traffic consultant, we have carefully designed a drop-off and pick-up flow that will allow for 62 waiting cars to be stored on the existing synagogue's driveway loop while enabling parents to quickly and efficiently drop off their students.

4) There is little chance that the B zone school and Herzl synagogue will be able to reduce their required parking by 25%, or even 1%, and with the FAS having to look for and lease parking that it will lose due to the abrogation of its lease for parking with Herzl this parking will again migrate to East Mercer Way and 40th creating a safety issue while the city refuses to enforce no parking rules on East Mercer Way.

We are confident that parking can be shared and managed on site. The shared schedule, both weekly and yearly with respect to holidays, ensures that intensive uses do not overlap.

Cooperative parking between religious institutions and schools is a common and successful practice.

With regard to parking for the French American School of Puget Sound (FASPS), we cannot comment on their parking capacity or ability to lease parking in the area.

Thank you again for your feedback and participation in the public process.

Sincerely,

Anjali Grant