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Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 6:04 AM
To: Glowacki, Margaret
Subject: Shoreline Master Program regulations COMMENTS

Dear Ms. Glowacki,

Please consider my comments on the second draft proposal of the City of Seattle Shoreline Master Program Update.

The language in the latest draft Shoreline Master Program may continue to allow medical facilities within a Conservancy Management Zone “as a special use if located on the second floor except for child care uses, which can be located on the first or second floor of the existing building [because] other uses cannot provide adequate financial support ...” (see Section 23.60.224(D)). Neighbors in Northeast Seattle have opposed placing a medical facility within public shoreline, and it is extremely disappointing that after months of vocal public opposition, this language has not been struck from the proposed legislation.

This section must be removed. The Conservancy Management Zone should be dedicated to water recreation and water-dependent activities, to preservation of the ecological function of the shoreline, and to guaranteed public access to and public uses of the waterfront.

Sincerely,

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From: Jan Brucker [mailto:janbrucker@aol.com]
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Subject: Magnuson Park - Virginia Mason Medical Clinic Proposal

December 6, 2011

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I am writing to express my concern for the proposed location of a Virginia Mason Medical Clinic at Sand Point – Magnuson Park.

I have been a long-time supporter of the Sand Point Pediatrics Group. Both of my children were patients of Dr. Steven Dassel, from the time of their birth until his retirement. I have nothing but the highest respect for that practice group, and its subsequent affiliation with Virginia Mason Medical Clinics. This was a highly sought after group of physicians, and folks came from all over Seattle, given Dr. Dassel's reputation and the proximity to Childrens' Hospital.

I fully recognize that as our City grows, there is increased demand for medical care. However, there is no shortage of office or retail space which can be converted to medical clinic uses, especially in Northeast Seattle, which includes the Sand Point/Lake City corridor. There is nothing at all about medical practice which demands location along any Seattle shoreline. And there is simply no justification at all for removing Seattle Parks land or facilities from public access and reservation for future recreational use by diverting land and/or public buildings to medical clinic use. Recent postings for physician positions on the Virginia Mason employment website signal that this clinic has long term plans for continued expansion at this site, including Internal Medicine and other facilities unrelated to pediatric care.

At issue is the revision to Section 23.60.224.D of the SMP which reads:

“Office use and institutional uses are prohibited, except these uses are allowed in existing buildings within designated historic districts as a special use if located on the second floor for child care uses, which can be located on the first or second floor of the existing building and other uses allowed or allowed as special uses are not practical, because of the building design or because such uses cannot provide adequate financial support necessary to sustain the building in a reasonably good physical condition” [emphasis added]

The Seattle City Council is charged with the maintenance and preservation of City Parks and Facilities. There is no valid reason for DPD to represent to the Parks Department or to the City Council that a renovation of Building 11 for a medical clinic, even a highly respected one, satisfies the restrictions for use at this site.

Furthermore, there is no reason to favor any given developer to allow modification of a leasehold now limited to maritime, recreation and limited “child care” uses. I believe that any wholesale redevelopment or diversion of Park property must be put to a public vote. And if the citizens approve the sale of park land, especially premium shoreline, it must be offered for sale at full market value to compensate the citizens for loss of irreplaceable views, water recreation and history of park stewardship.

If the City faces a true emergency, which warrants the abandonment/sale of Park property, this must be done in an open and forthright manner, and not by misdirection, obfuscation and/or “mission creep.” DPD must not violate its duty to the City Council and the Citizens of Seattle.

Please add my name and email to the list of citizens to be advised of all further actions at this site.

Very truly yours,

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