

Keep Residential Neighborhoods Residential

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I am writing in opposition of the proposed re-zone of the Iron Brothers Property on 170th NE. There is a hearing about it tonight and I would like to write a few comments.

I and several other families have lived in this neighborhood for over 30 years. We love our neighborhood and want it to stay residential. Others have well written formal responses to the proposal. What sparked my efforts to add my voice in opposition is more personal.

We have good neighbors. We talk together, share, work and sometimes even play together. We are neighbors. In some of the Iron Brothers info to the council they talk about what good neighbors they are. THEY ARE NOT NEIGHBORS. THEY DO NOT LIVE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY RUN A BUSINESS FROM A LOT THAT WAS R-8. It would be like saying 7-11 owners are our neighbors. They are not.

Irons write they bought the property in 2005. Fine. It was not zoned for business. They started a business and then were allowed to continue it and given a variance to do so. That was the first step in changing our neighborhood to allow for business. Now they have purchased property across the street, also R-8, moved their commercial vehicles over there and started with their plans to have it part of their expanded business. THEY ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE! THEY ARE AGAIN BEHAVING LIKE THEY CAN BREAK THE RULES AND THEN HAVE THE CITY OF SHORELINE CHANGE OUR ZONING TO BUSINESS SO THEY WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE! Look on the planning maps. It is RESIDENTIAL.

The City of Shoreline, the Planning Commission, the City Council have spent thousands of hours, millions of dollars making a plan for our entire city. Is the plan going to be changed now going to set a precedence for others to break the rules and then have the City change the zoning to comply with what the violators have done? We have purchased RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY with a buffer from 15th NE where businesses are allowed. WE WANT THE BUFFER TO STAY. WE WANT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTED FOR OUR FAMILIES. WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE COUNCIL. THE ZONING ORDINANCES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.

Several of the planners were kind enough to attend a Neighborhood Meeting with the Irons. We were told there would be a summary written of the presentation and comments. The summary was written by one of the owners. When I asked who would write the summary for people opposed to the proposal I was told we could send in our comments. READING THE SUMMARY MAKES IT APPEAR THAT THERE IS SUPPPORT OF THE NEIGHBORS FOR THIS RE-ZONING. The people who spoke in support of the re-zoning were customers of the Irons, NOT NEIGHBORS. When re-zoning is considered is a 500' circle

on a map large enough to include people in the neighborhood? This decision affects and effects so many more people than those in the 500' circle!

If the Irons' business has grown and been so successful, perhaps they need to FIND ANOTHER LOCATION for their business in Shoreline, one that is currently zoned for the purposes of their business. They should go in an area zoned for what they want to do. They do beautiful work. THAT is not the issue. THE ZONING SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED TO CORRECT THE CITY MAPS TO WHAT SOMEONE HAS DONE ILLEGALLY TO BEGIN WITH.

SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD! WE WANT RESIDENTIAL.

Sincerely,

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