

My name is Mark Rettmann; I live on NE 170th St in Shoreline, WA.

I am speaking today on behalf of the Save Shoreline Neighborhoods group **defending** Shoreline residents from the privately-initiated Comp. Plan Amendment & Rezone at 1510 & 1517 NE 170th St; which would permanently change two residential lots to commercial business lots.

Save Shoreline Neighborhoods is a group of over 220 Shoreline **residents, neighbors, citizens, and voters** – **opposed** to this **permanent** rezone of **residential homes to any business use** in the future.

Last Monday you heard and discussed this proposal. The applicant, Irons Brothers Construction, claimed that someone was routing a letter in the community as a scare tactic.

We are unsure if they were targeting the accusation at our group or not. However, we **are** conducting community outreach and educating residents with an informational flier, because to date only residents within 500 ft of this proposal have been notified by the Applicant or City. That is less than less than 2 football fields away – even though the implications and impacts will be felt much further away if this is approved.

The flier was previously provided to the City. The flier provides **facts** regarding:

- Background on the illegal business use of the residential lots & City zoning violations;
- Summarizes some (but not all) of the new business uses that would become allowed;
- Details traffic, environmental, and social impacts that would come with these various new businesses, and
- Provides information on upcoming City meetings, and how residents can contact the City or our group.

These FACTs are SCARY:

- City allowing illegal use to continue against City codes & laws (twice: 2014 & 2018 [see attached public records]) – **Is scary,**
- City Staff Report recommending the Planning Commission put this on the docket – **Is scary,**
- Planning Commission recommending that Council decide if this be put on the docket – **Is scary,**
- City allowing, in 2018, Irons Brothers to willfully & purposely expand illegal construction yard business into a 2nd residential lot (after knowing it was illegal) & with no violations – **Is scary,**
- City not enforcing residential zoning at the 2nd residential lot (per public records) – **Is scary,**
- City not enforcing business license code violations at the 2nd residential lot – **Is scary,**
- City not enforcing business license code violations at the 1st residential lot (multiple businesses) – **Is scary,**
- City not enforcing shielded outdoor light code violations – **Is scary,**
- City not enforcing maximum hardscape development code violations – **Is scary,**
- City not enforcing business license code violations at the 2nd residential lot – **Is scary,**
- Thought of Council putting this on the docket (to study) to fix continued illegal use and violations – **Is scary,**
- Allowing City staff, that allowed the illegal use to continue against City laws in 2014, to also work on the Docket Staff Report (and make the recommendation to the Planning Commission & Council) – **Is scary (not to mention a conflict of interest),**
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- City staff not enforcing City laws may lead some to wonder why, or for what consideration..... – **Is scary,**
- Lack of transparency in the enforcement of City laws (codes/zoning) – **Is scary,**
- Lack of enforcement of City laws (codes/zoning) on this Company – **Is scary,**
- The arbitrary & capricious application of City laws (codes/zoning), or lack thereof – **Is scary,**
- Lack of consideration for other Businesses that operate legally – **Is scary,**
- Lack of consideration for the impacts on the neighbors, neighborhoods, and Shoreline residents – **Is scary,**
- Rezoning Residential lots in our Neighborhoods to business zones (especially for the benefit of one company who has been violating City laws and have willfully and purposely expanded those violations to a second residential lot in 2018) – **Is scary,**
- These **FACTS** are **so scary**, that even the rezone applicant thinks it is scary when they read the facts.

Please reject this Rezone Proposal,

Enforce Existing Code, including Zoning,

Keep Neighborhoods Residential,

and

Save Shoreline Neighborhoods