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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Town Council Members
Town of La Conner

Re: Moore-Clark building and Waterfront design and redevelopment

Dear Town Council Members:

This letter serves primarily as a resource for the residents of the Town of La Conner to sue any of the parties involved concerning the redevelopment of the waterfront extending from Maple Hall to the Moore Clark building and the surrounding area if the desires of the residents as indicated by them via survey, letter, public hearing, etc. are not honored.

Truthfully, it is indescribable that this letter is even necessary; and I am wasting even more of my time in this regard. However, the body of representatives for the Town of La Conner has an unfortunate history of rendering decisions concerning developments in the Town of Conner that are exactly the opposite of the wishes of the residents. Further, this body of representatives has been notified on numerous occasions that the residents wish only for *minimal* impact of any changes made to the atmosphere, environment, and character of this town through any development or redevelopment. According to the recent letter to *The La Conner Weekly News* by Linda Talman in the December 11, 2024 issue (copy enclosed), this is not the current intention by the Town representatives or the company hired to provide ideas for redevelopment of property not even currently owned by the Town of La Conner.¹

In this regard, I refer all of you to the emails I sent to you concerning current trends in small communities regarding redevelopment as well as the surveys provided by town residents, which apparently have been ignored once more. A very disturbing pattern by the body of representatives of this small town.

Lastly, in order to avoid future litigation concerning this redevelopment, it is strongly recommended that:

- (a) small scale models of any proposed redevelopment be created by any design company or developer proposing the changes (with the cost to be borne by said design company) to accompany numerous public hearings and viewings so that town residents can better conceptualize and object to any proposed plans **BEFORE** they are approved;
- (b) sworn and notarized affidavit be provided by any proposed design companies and developers to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist between each other as well as members of this town's decision-making body;

¹ Forgive me for saying so (or don't), but this whole situation has a very distinct smell not dissimilar to the Hedlin Field sale to Landed Gentry.

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- (c) any potential buyer of properties concerned in this redevelopment (whether person or entity officers) provide a sworn and notarized affidavit that they have no personal or business ties with the designers or any representative of the Town of La Conner;
- (d) any current code requirements be changed prior to any substantial approval of these projects *so that all decisions concerning this area and project be made by the elected body and not the Hearing Examiner.*

Best regards,



Linda Clark

cc: Linda Talman



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not been able to approach the \$200,000 sale price.

We need to connect with one or more of those deep-pocketed philanthropists who are out there who would donate to make this a better, more informed world. If any of you have a lead, make a call, send an email. Now. We are running out of time.

Jai Boreen
La Conner

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So much for our valued opinions

The Town of La Conner had a survey for the residents and business people about the south end (aka transition zone, aka the subarea plan, aka the property in the vicinity of "big blue" and the old Moore Clark building, aka the freezer building. The survey asked for ratings on ideas about various categories.

One of the survey categories is "access improvements" (roads, parking and paths). The highest rating possible is 5.

"Extend waterfront path to Pioneer Park" received a seriously spectacular rating of 4.36 out of 5. Nothing else even reached an average of 4.36 – not in this category nor in any other category. (This goal is also in our transportation element and has been for years.)

That calculates to a resounding endorsement of 87%.

"Integrate public parking into Moore Clark" and "Extend First Street to Caledonia" were 3.16 and 3.15. That translates to 63%, a D-minus in my mind.

And what are the consultants proposing? You guessed it, the D-minus models.

The plan consultants presented on Sept. 30 appears no different to me from the plan they presented to the planning commission on Dec. 3.

Your surveys apparently meant little to them.

I am strongly opposed to this plan for the S. First Street extension. Roads don't belong on the shoreline. Shorelines are for public access and water-related and water-dependent uses. According to the state DOE person with whom I spoke, if you can put a road elsewhere, it should be done.

Emergency vehicles can reach the waterfront on perpendicular

internal access within the south subarea. The only properties we actually own in the south end are S. First Street and the First Street parking lot (for which the consultants have really big plans).

And what will the Town Council and planning commission do? Who gets to decide? Consultants or town government?

Public meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Maple Hall. See for yourself.

Linda Talman
La Conner

Incredible editor will be missed

Ken, we really enjoyed your La Conner paper that you managed for years with sincerity, openmindedness, equality and last but not least with intelligence and a commitment for truth. You spoke your mind about political, environmental and local situations after evaluating the true facts and we completely agreed with your opinion.

We will miss your continuous effort to bring information and education our way.

Best wishes for your next chapter in your life!

Rosi and Wes Jansen
Fine Feathered Friends, La Conner

So much for an impartial FBI

The recent AP article entitled, "Biden's broken promise on pardoning his son ..." ends with the comment, "Neither Biden nor his White House staff explained the shift in the president's thinking." Yet seemingly overlooked was the fact that the pardon was issued directly following president-elect Trump's choice

of Kash Patel as his appointee to direct the FBI. Patel, long a loyalist to Mr. Trump, has promised that if Trump won the White House ... he would go after Hunter and Joe Biden with a new criminal investigation." (CNN)

Patel has dismissed the earlier two-year probe of Hunter Biden's business dealings in China and Ukraine (resulting in no evidence of wrongdoing) during Mr. Trump's first presidency, claiming "James Comer is weak and his work incomplete ... and that Hunter Biden is guilty ... that's where the focus will be when we (Trump's staff) get in" (Meidas+).

This seems to support Mr. Patel's apparent obsession with criminalizing the Biden family and Hunter in particular and using the power of the FBI to seek prosecution and conviction.

"Although the FBI's limited 10-year tenure (enacted post-Watergate, after J. Edgar Hoover's death and his 48 years as head of that organization) is long in order to insulate the director from political pressure..." (U.S. gov website)

Mr. Patel is a deep loyalist to Mr. Trump, earning hundreds and thousands of dollars consulting for Trump-related entities; dismissed from a Colorado court in 2020 as a "not credible witness" claiming President Trump had authorized up to 10,000-20,000 troops "to deploy before the January 6th attack on the capitol only to have his assertion debunked by his boss, then-acting Secretary of Defense who stated that no such order was ever given. (Colorado Sun).

Mr. Patel will be vetted by the Senate, may they prove themselves stewards of the independence of the FBI.

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