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December 23, 2024

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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of Communication at Washington
or.

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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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Continuing the tradition of weekly
publishing in La Conner since 1879
The Weekly News sits on the original
homelands of the Coastal Salish people

heat from volcanoes. Today, we

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 category-
ries 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 resound-
ing 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 pre-
sented 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 ex-
tension. Roads don't belong on
the shoreline. Shorelines are for
public access and water-related
and water-dependent uses. Ac-
cording 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

per stored kilowatt-hour (kWh).
Just 35 years later, they're ap-

or automobiles. People fought
both.

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

And what will the Town
Council and planning com-
mission 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 man-
aged for years with sincerity,
openmindedness, equality and
last but not least with intelli-
gence 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 par-
doning his son ..." ends with the
comment, "Neither Biden nor
his White House staff explained
the shift in the president's think-
ing." 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 us-
ing 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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