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MEMO

REPORT DATE: May 24, 2021

TO: San Juan County Planning Commission

FROM: Sophia Cassam, Planner I

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Docket
Public Comments on Requests 21-0002 and 21-0003

HEARING: June 18, 2021

ATTACHMENTS: A. Public Comments on Docket Request 21-0002 (Indoor Recreation Facilities)
B. Public Comments on Docket Request 21-0003 (Build-Out Analysis)

PURPOSE: Transmittal of public comments on the 2021 Docket received between May 21-24, 2021.

Sophia Cassam

From: DONNA LASLO <orcasislandtennisclub@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 8:13 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Cc: Rick Hughes; Mary Schulman; George Larson; Heidi Hudlet
Subject: Comments and requests regarding B.2 Request 21-0002: Orcas Tennis Club.

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Comments and requests regarding B.2 Request 21-0002: Orcas Tennis Club.

As the Orcas Tennis Club President representing our member, I urge you to support our request to create a covered court for year round, indoor tennis play.

Right now in order to play tennis in the winter islanders must travel off island to play, the closest indoor tennis facility is Bellingham.

We have needed an indoor court on the island for many years. Our goal is to build an indoor tennis court that is a barn like structure which will be consistent to the land use around our property and will have very low impact on neighbors.

Benefits of this are many. Having year round tennis supports the health of our island families. Indoor tennis will allow for youth to develop their skills and have a facility like this can open for the possibility for a high school tennis team. Which can lead to college scholarships. Having indoor, year round tennis will also lead to inter island tournament play.

Lopez pool is an example of indoor recreational facility in a rural area. This is the same use we are asking for.

Please don't make us wait until 2025 for this to be approved! We need to move on this now. We have the support and momentum.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Laslo
Orcas Tennis Club President
360-378-7527

Sophia Cassam

From: Jonathan White <jonwhite@rockisland.com>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: Covered Tennis Courts

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Hello Planning Commissioners,

I believe this issue is on your docket for discussion today. As a tennis player and twenty-five-year resident of Orcas Island (and Planning Commissioner for six years in the 1990s!), I hope you will decide not to wait three or four years to consider whether to allow indoor tennis courts to be built on the island. We have at least 50 avid players on Orcas alone, and the numbers are growing. As you know, we are unable to play in the winter due to weather. Allowing indoor courts would open the possibility of serving this growing population of players, including many of our youth.

Thank you for your good work and dedication to this county!

- Jonathan White
Orcas Island

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 7:57 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: comments related to fresh water in the San Juan Islands and the relation to population sustainability, build out and protection of the natural ecosystem of the islands

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

Lynda Guernsey, Administrative Specialist II – Direct Line (360) 370-7579
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From: Pam Jenkins <pamelajenkins@centurytel.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2021 12:24 AM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: comments related to fresh water in the San Juan Islands and the relation to population sustainability, build out and protection of the natural ecosystem of the islands

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To the San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Commissioners,

First, I would like to thank you for your commitment to serve in government for the benefit of our island communities and this beautiful environment we live in here.

I have been a resident of Orcas Island for 38 years. I have known Joe Symons for those past decades and his long expressed concern that we must determine what build out is sustainable on each island in our country, especially in determining how much fresh water we have to support that population and the forests, farms and wildlife here. He has asked the that county create a "Truth in Planning" document or buildout analysis, as the basis for planning and permitting in San Juan County. Unfortunately the county's Department of Community Development turned it down.

I can't believe we are still not making this the top priority for planning in our county. How can we plan for building sustainable communities on our islands without knowing the limitations we have

on fresh water, and the impacts of allowing buildout beyond what is environmentally sustainable here?

I urge you to please make this your top priority now.

Sincerely,

Pam Jenkins

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:57 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: I support Docket 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
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From: Lorna Rhodes <rhodes.lorna3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2021 11:30 AM
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Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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I want to let you know that we support 'Truth in Planning' for San Juan County. We, as citizens, need to know the implications of both current and planned-for population growth. It is already apparent that the infrastructure, social support systems, communities, and ecosystem of the islands are being damaged and undermined by runaway development. It's past time for realistic planning and ultimately, regulation--and neither are possible without information.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lorna Rhodes and Jerry Weatherman
Olga

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: "Truth in Planning"

Hi Sophia,

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Regards,
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From: stolenblue <stolenblue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Matthew Ellingson <matthewe@sanjuanco.com>; Sheila Gaquin <sheilag@sanjuanco.com>; David Kane <davidk@sanjuanco.com>; Nicholas Knoellinger <nicholask@sanjuanco.com>; Michael Pickett <michaelp@sanjuanco.com>; Dale Roundy <daler@sanjuanco.com>; Steven Rubey <stevenr@sanjuanco.com>; Steve Smith <steves@sanjuanco.com>; camilleu@sanjuanci.com; Erika Shook <erikas@sanjuanco.com>; Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Cc: San Juan County Council <councilvm@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: "Truth in Planning"

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I'm writing in support of docket request 21-0003 and urge positive action. Without it any talk about wanting to protect the environment is an empty buzz phrase.

If mistakes have been made in the past they need to be addressed and discussed openly. Not wanting to look at the issue because it seems too overwhelming or threatening is no longer an option, especially in light of the recent building boom on the islands.

Government is failing all people by allowing or supporting uncontrolled growth. Issues like water shortage, noise and light pollution, traffic and ferries come to my mind to name a few.

Please approve docket 21-0003 to start a culture of transparency. Please don't let people get caught unaware.

I understand that the Department of Community Development doesn't support the docket. Uncontrolled, rapid growth is not community development, IT LEADS TO COMMUNITY DESTRUCTION like in many other places. We have much to lose.

Gabriele Beyer
San Juan Island

Sent from my Galaxy

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: I support Docket 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

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Regards,
Lynda

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From: loren johnson <dr.demand@gmail.com>
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To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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We barely have enough water to support our current population. Wells are empty or salinating by late summer and need to be monitored.

We need a comprehensive water study before making any further planning decisions.

Loren Johnson, MD
Friday Harbor

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: I support Docket 21-0003

Hi Sophia,

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Regards,
Lynda

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-----Original Message-----

From: Centurytel <mdjj@centurytel.net>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Lynda Guernsey <LyndaG@sanjuanco.com>
Subject: I support Docket 21-0003

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My name is Michael Johnson. I am a resident, landowner, and voter in SJC (Orcas Island). I fully support Docket item 21-0003 in it's entirety. I appreciate your time in once-again reviewing this item, and ask that this time you pass it.

Thank you, Michael "MJ" Johnson