eComment Resolution 2021-075

Cassie Parkinson

Location:

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing today to express my concern regarding Resolution 2021-075, as both a longtime resident of Anchor Point and as a parent.

Consider the safety element of the situation. The Anchor Point Transfer Station is on this property up for reclassification. The community already has issues with the nefarious activities that happen on this site, especially later in the evening/early morning hours. There is a drug problem in our community that is on the rise and from this stems a rise in crimes. This element frequents community assistance locations for assistance with food, clothing and basic necessities for survival. I feel that this exponentially heightens the risk to the health and safety of the residents within close proximity to this parcel of property.

If this reclassification occurs, I am very concerned for my daughter's safety and well- being. She owns the home/property directly behind this parcel. The plans show the proposed building site within 50 feet of her existing home. She is very concerned and fearful of her safety if this resolution passes.

I would like to ask each of you the following: Do you live close to any commercial or institutional facilities? How would you personally feel to have a commercial/institutional facility built within 50 feet of your personal residence? Would you like a liquor store 50 feet from your front door? How about a marijuana store? Homeless Shelter? Please consider the safety and well-being of the residents as a priority before taking action on this resolution. Each one of you has the obligation to both act within the best interests of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, but to also to act upon what is in the best interest of the residents within the Borough in respect to health and safety. I do not believe this reclassification, at this time, is within the best interest of the community or the residents of Anchor Point.

Please consider failing this resolution.

Thank you

Kelsie Parkinson

Location:

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Hello assembly members, my name is Kelsie Parkinson and I am a resident/homer owner in Anchor Point. I have recently (like as in the last 2 days) been informed of a possible decision of classifying part of the borough lot that is the transfer site lot in anchor point. I've also been notified as to why this possible classification is on the agenda. I work out of town a lot of the year so I unfortunately had no notice to this agenda all summer, and have heard most people in our community haven't had much notice of it either which baffles me. I support the Food Pantry of Anchor Point and love that we have people willing to help the hungry and less fortunate. I 100% do not however support the idea of them tearing apart beautiful land and building a huge facility or parking lot or community center or whichever they choose 20ft next to my home. My house is right next to where they want to build and throw up this commercial lot and I feel that it would be beyond unacceptable to even consider allowing them to do so. I've heard in my very short amount of knowledge about this matter that they do have other options.

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This is nothing against the poor or hungry. I've been poor, I've been hungry, I've had to ask friends and family for money to help feed me in the past to be able to go to work because I've been so broke. At the same time, I work as hard as I can so I can keep a roof over my head. While I'm home for what seems like short amounts of time I want to enjoy being home, in my house, in my sweet little neighborhood I live in. Which is down birch street and my home is the first home on Nelson street. This center would ruin the neighborhood aspect we have here, it would ruin the privacy and atmosphere, and I know for a fact it would substantially decrease the property value of all the homes here. I'm not a realtor or a home builder but I like the feel like I do know a thing or two and I really hope you all think about how this will affect the community and more importantly the homes down in this area. The food pantry has other options and sounds like they know it, it sounds to me that they just want everything handed to them for free which saddens me, but also sounds why they are turning to the borough because they have exhausted options they used to and refuse any other option that they truly have in way more realistic locations. Locations where businesses are established and the majority is commercial, not residential and not homes. Most of us don't live in this small town for its city like feel and I would be truly devastated if this plan is allowed to go through and I end up with a whole lot of issues and feeling like there's a super store 20 feet off my lot. I love my charming home, please don't ruin the atmosphere I have living in this location. They have other options, ones that make more sense. Thank you for your time. -kelsie parkinson