

Andrea - Deputy Clerk

From: Danielle Freiberger <planning@townoflaconner.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:22 AM
To: Andrea Moore
Subject: FW: for the council, please and thank you. (I messed up the council addresses)

From: Linda Talman [mailto:linda.talman@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 11:20 PM
To: Danielle Freiberger
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Dear Town Staff Members of the Council:

I have three things.

1. Mr. Davolio stated in his letter that several people asked to respond to requests for reconsideration. In the public records that I have, there was only one person who asked - and that was Dr. Atkinson. Then the planner wrote to the Hearing Examiner - who said ok - but he said to extend the opportunity to all people of record.. It was a surprise to everyone but the Planner, the developer, and the HEX. It was also not a fun way to spend our summer.
2. We need a plan for the whole town. We thought we had one, but we no longer do - as we face piecemeal ideas and meetings with poorly executed sound muffling any possibility of transparency. (I challenge you to listen to the port meeting.) Anacortes has an intelligent survey(SurveyMonkey) of their residents and workers posted on their website. It is thoughtful and instructive. In order to see it, you have to answer the questions - but don't submit it.) It's nice to have a survey that makes you think. We can do that. We should do that. Our survey should include questions about the port proposal and the transition zone. It should have questions about affordable housing. In fact, the survey could explain what the transition zone

is as almost no one knows. Zoning changes should not be discussed by one person in a room with the port. That is frightening. A survey would give everyone a chance to understand the issues better. It would give you a chance to listen to the people.

3. Our fire department is wonderful. Give them the fireboat they asked for. We need the ability to fight fire on First Street from the water. At every meeting you talk about how much money you are bringing in. Spend it.

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The only real job of a public official is to make their grandchildren proud. That's called vision.....

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