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To Mayor and Council
City of Victoria

1011 and 1017 Pakington Street

A full mailout meeting was held on May 18th 2009 with the Fairfield Gonzales Planning and Zoning Committee in regards to a rezoning request to change from RJ to a site specific rezoning for the above address.

There is currently a house on each property. The proponent stated that one house can be relocated, but due to the height of the other, it will have to be demolished. The proposal is for 6 townhouses plus 2 coach or carriage houses with a rent to own and an affordable housing component. The property backs onto a non-approved lane then a apartment building located on Southgate St.

Neighbours Comments

I was surprised given the large turnout of neighbours and the response to a previous rezoning on the street that, although there were many comments and questions asked in order for neighbours to get a detailed understanding of what was being proposed, the neighbours seemed to be satisfied with the answers the proponent provided. There was no direct opposition any particular part of the proposal, except for a young couple who are renting next-door and one of them has health issues and has difficulty with noise and disruptions, which will no doubt happen when the property is developed either within the existing zoning or the proposed. The neighbours were encouraged to forward any additional comments on to Mayor and Council directly.

Committee Comments

The committee seemed open to the proposal and is still digesting the carriage house element, as those elements usually occur in relation to existing situations.

I refrained from comment and advised the neighbours at the beginning of the meeting that there could be a perception of a conflict between the proponent and myself.

Wayne Hollohan
Chair Fairfield Gonzales
Planning and Zoning Committee