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From: Rebecca Cleary <rebeccacleary@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2018 3:54 PM
To: mayor@langleywa.org; council@langleywa.org; planning@langleywa.org
Subject: First Street

Since I live just outside city limits, I am not officially a constituent, but I do consider myself a Langley-ite and I do enjoy and appreciate what Langley has to offer.

I strongly support the proposal highlighted by David Price for First Street. Maintain the historical character of First Street. Keep angled parking. DO NOT MAKE IT HARDER to visit downtown Langley.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Cleary=

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From: Dominique Emerson <domq@whidbey.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2018 12:17 PM
To: 'City Planner'; domqingov@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Downtown FIRST ST remodel proposals

From: Sharen Heath [mailto:heathgal@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Tim Callison; Dominique Emerson; Bruce Allen; Peter Morton; Christy Korrow
Subject: Downtown FIRST ST remodel proposals

Dear Mr Mayor and City Council Members:

Regarding FIRST ST design proposals:

I very much favor improved ANGLED parking. To take away parking would be a slap in the face to our important merchant community. I don't want to see a village full of empty and dilapidated storefronts because visitors can't find parking.

Every year, Langley is growing in popularity. Today the village is perceived as a charming, delightful, appealingly beautiful destination by tourists. Their dollars cycle through our community in many ways. To consider reducing parking places for wider sidewalks is not just ill-conceived, it's LUNACY!!!

I also much prefer all THREE crosswalk options, including FRICKE Lane. The more we can encourage walking, the more we make our village VISUALLY and practically pedestrian friendly, the better!

Sincerely,
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From: Kathy Bridges <kathybridges@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 7:25 PM
To: mayor@langleywa.org
Cc: council@langleywa.org; planning@langleywa.org
Subject: Keep Downtown Langley Historic

Dear Mayor Callison:

I moved to Langley in the last 18 months after visiting here every year for thirty years. I moved here to be part of a vibrant community where people are broad-minded, compassionate and considerate. It was easy to have great expectations as I had always found it so, having stayed at the Inn at Langley where I could walk into town. Stupidly, I didn't realize when choosing a home outside the city limits that I would be unrepresented, would not have a vote and would be part of a population that would not be considered in planning strategic initiatives.

The last time I wrote the Council about this, I didn't get even the benefit of a reply.

Nonetheless, I'm writing a second time to express my concerns about the First Street project. For me, the solution is easy: do whatever retains as much existing parking as possible to encourage area residents like me to come into town and do business in Langley, especially in the winter when they most need everyone's support. This winter, I have tired of vying for parking with people who live in town. At first, I began driving through town without stopping unless I found a parking space. Now, I just drive through town without even looking for one.

In my previous email, I gave three reasons for opposing the planned change:

- First, there is inadequate parking now, and especially in summertime.
- Second, taking away existing parking spaces is bad for Langley businesses, especially those on First Street. Currently, I spend \$2500 a month at area businesses, and I spend it almost exclusively in Bayview, Freeland and Coupeville.
- Third, unlike Second Street, there is no nearby overflow parking; removing spaces on First Street will make it harder than it is now to find a space in the overflow parking lot behind Second Street, a lot that has been full the last three times I have tried to park there. Even the Church parking lot was full the last time I tried to park there.

Please reconsider your decision. "Beautifying" First Street does not have to come at the expense of making it even more difficult for Langley businesses and for the larger community that supports them.

Respectfully,
Kathy Bridges



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